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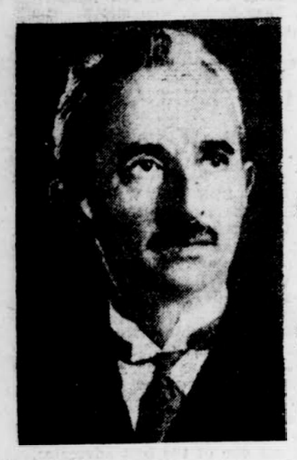

Ismet Ineunu, President of Turkey.

RAJEN BABU STARTS RELIEF FUND

Congress Committees Asked To Organise Collections

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, has sent the following cablegram to President Ineunu of Turkey:

"On behalf of the Indian National Congress, I tender the heartfelt sympathy of India in the unparalleled disaster that has overtaken your country".

Mahatma Gandhi has sent the following cablegram to President Ineunu of Turkey:

"My heartfelt sympathy in your terrible calamity.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

WARDHA, January 3.

An appeal has been issued by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian National Congress, for a fund for sufferers of Turkey due to the earthquake. He says:—

"During the last three or four days, news has slowly come in about the great natural calamity that has overtaken parts of Turkey. Earthquake, floods and storms have combined to cause havoc on an unprecedented scale.

Having had recent experience of two similar calamities at Quetta and Bihar within the last five or six years, the people of India are familiar with the misery and devastation of such a calamity.

Friends suggested to me that it is our duty not only to offer sympathy to the sufferers, but also contribute what we can to alleviate the suffering. I realise that anything we can raise cannot go any great way in relieving the widespread distress, but even as a token of our sympathy, we should do what we can.

I appeal to the public to contribute generously to the fund which I am opening and various Provincial Congress Committees will organise collections in their respective areas. All contributions should be sent to the Treasurer, A.-I.C.C., Jehangir Wadia Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.—A.P.

Babu Rajendra Prasad, Congress President.

12,000 BODIES DUG UP

Extent Of Havoc Wrought By 'Quake And Floods In Turkey

ISTANBUL, January 3.

President Ineunu, after visiting the earthquake area, has now returned to Ankara to direct relief measures.

The work of clearing the debris in Erzincan is rendered difficult by the fear of gas being belched forth when the debris is removed off crevasses.

The town is a heap of ruins and it is reported that 12,000 bodies have been recovered.—Reuter.

TURKISH MISSION FOR ROME

Move For New Trade Agreement

ISTANBUL, January 3.

An important Turkish Economic Mission left for Rome with a view to negotiating a new Turkish-Italian trade agreement, according to a message from Ankara. Italy has just ordered 20,000 tons of Turkish cotton and, besides cereals and raw materials, she is buying many thousand tons of tunny fish yearly from Turkey.—Reuter.

Red Troops On Afghan Border

No Credence Attached To Foreign Broadcast Story Of Concentrations

LONDON, Jan. 3.

It is authoritatively stated in London that official circles attach no credence whatever to rumours given out in certain foreign broadcasts of Russian troop concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan.

It is further learnt that the Afghan Government has officially denied that there has been any mobilisation in Iran.—Reuter.

Br. Red Cross Help To Turkish Relief

LONDON, Jan. 3.

The British Red Cross has offered the Turkish Red Crescent £1,000 for relief of distress caused by the floods and earthquake.—Reuter.

Swedish Steamer Torpedoed: Another Fired At, Sinks

LONDON, January 3.

The Swedish steamer "Svarton" (2,500 tons) was torpedoed by a German submarine off the North Coast of Scotland and she sank in a minute and a half. Twenty of the crew are missing. Eleven survivors have been picked up from a raft.

Fired At By U-Boat

NEW YORK.—The Mackay Radio has received an S.O.S. from a Swedish ship "Kiruna" (5,454 tons) in the Atlantic stating that she has been fired at by a U-Boat and is sinking slowly and requires assistance.

Mysterious Disappearance Of S. S. "Mina"

BERLIN, Jan. 3.

The Estonian steamer "Mina" (1,773 tons) with a crew of 17 has vanished without leaving a trace according to a Tallinn telegram. Her voyage took her to the North Sea. She is missing since December 11.

It is suggested that she may have struck a mine.—Reuter.

Contraband Control

During the week ended December 30, British Contraband Control seized 20,800 tons of contraband goods suspected to be destined for Germany.

During the first seventeen weeks of the war, British Contraband Control seized 5,37,600 tons.

During the same period, the French detained 4,29,000 tons.

On January 2, there were 47 neutral ships in three Contraband Control bases of which 29 had been there for five days or less.

Food Rationing

The Ministry of Food announce that uncooked bacon and ham ration beginning on January 8 will be four ounces and cooked three and half weekly, and the maximum retail prices range from fourteen pence to twenty-five pence according to cuts.

"Ajax" In Monte Video

MONTE VIDEO:—The British cruiser "Ajax" has arrived.

A warm welcome greeted the cruiser which is one of the three warships that defeated the "Graf Spee" when she arrived here.

Amid enthusiastic cheering ratings from the "Ajax" drove in motor coaches through the main streets to a "Barbecue" (feast) at the Sayago Polo Club When dense crowds held up the motor-coaches, girls leapt on the running-boards to present the men with bouquets.

It is learnt that when Sir Henry Harwood heard that he had been knighted, he signalled the other two ships: "Thank you, boys".—Reuter.

"WINDHUK" ASKED NOT TO LEAVE PORT

SANTOSE, Jan. 3.

"Windhuk" is forbidden to leave the port following a request by Dreyfus Company, London, based on her refusal to unload 63 tons of wool. She embarked at port Elizabeth before the outbreak of war.—Reuter.

Ban On "Windhuk" Sailing

SANTOS, Jan. 3.

"Windhuk" had loaded 450 tons of oil and was ready to sail. All shipping documents necessary to compel the captain, who has reported ill aboard, to unload the cargo at Santos, are expected to arrive on Thursday.—Reuter.

OPEN UP CHANNELS OF TRADE FOR ALL

Roosevelt Way To Peace

AMERICA AND WAR

"We Must Keep Ablaze Flames Of Human Liberty, Reason And Democracy"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.

Addressing the new Session of the Congress, Mr. Roosevelt referred to his previous warnings that, in their daily lives, the Americans would feel the shock of events on other Continents and declared that it was a warning and no mere theory, for it had been definitely proved by facts of yesterday and to-day.

The President also warned against a belief that the United States, as a self-contained unit, could live happily and prosperously and secure while outside, the rest of civilisation, commerce and culture of mankind were shattered.

An overwhelming majority of Americans did not in the slightest abandon the hope and expectation that the United States would not become involved in a military participation in the war, but there was a vast difference between keeping from the war and pretending that this war was none of their business.

"We do not have to go to war, but at least we can strive with other nations to encourage a kind of peace that will lighten the troubles of the world and thereby help our own nation as well.

We must look ahead and see the possibilities for our children if the rest of the world comes to be dominated by concentrated force alone and also the effect on our own future, if all small nations have their independence snatched from them or become mere appendages to powerful military systems or if a large part of the world is compelled to worship a God imposed by a military ruler or forbidden the worship of God at all and deprived of truth which makes men free. We must consider the effect on our future if world trade is controlled by a nation or a group which establishes that control through military force.

"I hope that we shall have few American ostriches within our midst." The peoples of other nations have a right to choose their own form of Government, but such choice should be predicated on certain freedoms which we think essential everywhere. The United States must use her influence to open up the world trade channels so that no nation may feel compelled to seek forcibly what can be gained by a peaceful conference.

"I emphasise the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace." In the meantime, America must be prepared to take care of herself, if the world cannot attain peace and, therefore, the President asked the Congress to levy additional taxes to meet the emergency national defence.

President Roosevelt said: "We must, as a united people, keep ablaze the flames of human liberty, reason, democracy and fair play and may the year 1940 be pointed to by posterity as another period when Democracy has justified its existence as the best instrument of Government yet devised by mankind.—Reuter.

Dutch Support To 'Sensible Voices' From Europe And America

THE HAGUE, January 3.

"Watchfulness and confidence" was the slogan given to the Dutch people in a new year broadcast to-day by the Prime Minister, De Geer. He added, "The best way to maintain such an attitude is to place oneself under God's protection'.

He urged the nation to be prepared for all eventualities, at the same time preserve calm and said, "If only the belligerents would gather round a conference table, the world would relax and there would be a better chance for enduring world peace than if a victor enforced a so-called peace on the victim. We are therefore glad to hear sensible voices raised in Europe and America and hope that those voices have so far impressed the belligerents that they will admit the material faults they made in 1918".—Reuter.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing a public meeting in the historic Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar.

Soviet Troop Train Derailed: Heavy Loss Of Life

HITLER WARNS SWEDEN AGAINST HELP REACHING FINLAND THROUGH HER TERRITORY

COPENHAGEN, January 3.

"THE National Tidende" has received a report from Stockholm that a Russian troop train was derailed on the Murmansk Railway with heavy loss of life. It is not known whether the disaster was due to sabotage or the Finnish Death Battalion.

ABO BOMBED

A Helsinki cable says:—

Abo, Finland's chief port, was again bombed by Soviet planes.

HITLER WARNS SWEDEN

Germany in a diplomatic note has warned Sweden that she cannot allow her to tolerate any help to Finland by Western Powers, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende".

He says that the Germans declare that they cannot allow England to help Finland arguing that British help was actuated by the desire to establish air and naval bases in northern countries, whence attacks could be made against Germany and Russia.

Wilhelmstrasse officials, the correspondent continues, are watching the steps taken in Britain and France and they assert that the Finnish question concerns Germany as well as Northern countries and that active British assistance to Finland would result in Germany immediately reconsidering her attitude towards Norway and Sweden.—Reuter.

COMPULSORY LABOUR FOR SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM:—A Bill, authorising compulsory labour service, was passed by the Riksdag. Labour may be recruited under the new law for maintenance of defence services, transport and essential services.

AID TO FINLAND

PARIS:—France is aiding Finland "in every possible way", in accordance to an Assembly resolution. A statement to this effect is contained in a telegram from M. Daladier to the Secretary-General of the League.

The telegram declares: "France and her Allies, Britain and the Dominions are equally resolved to put a stop to criminal aggressions which have plunged so many innocent populations into mourning and slavery. I have the firmest conviction that their efforts will be pursued without rest until their common victory will assure for Europe a peaceful and free future".

M. Daladier's telegram adds that France is ready to act in co-operation with other League member or non-member Powers who wish to conform to the League's recommendations regarding Finland.—Reuter.

Earlier Cables:

BLIZZARD COMES TO FINNS' AID

HELSINKI, Jan. 3.

A fierce blizzard has commenced in the Karelian Isthmus bringing the fighting at Finland's 'front door' almost to a standstill, reports Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Finnish Army.

The offensive which the Red Army launched on Dectmber 31 has thus petered out. The blizzard fulfils the Finns' prayer for still more snow to hamper Soviet tanks, guns and aircraft.

This afternoon visibility over the battle front was almost nil,

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British 'Plane Brought Down

But German Paper Pays Tribute To Courage Of R. A. F. Men

LONDON, January 3.

The Air Ministry announces that an R.A.F. machine on reconnaissance over enemy territory to-day was engaged by a number of enemy fighters in the neighbourhood of the Belgo-German frontier. In the course of the engagement, the British machine was driven over the frontier and forced down.—Reuter.

Two British Fliers Rescued

BRUSSELS, January 3.

Two occupants of a British 'plane forced down by a German machine in Belgium have been rescued from the wreckage, suffering from superficial burns.—Reuter.

"Wall Of Death For British 'Planes"

BERLIN, January 3.

Newspaper "B. Z. Am. Mittag" pays the following tribute to the R.A.F. "The German Air Force and the German people too acknowledge the courage of British airmen, who once again try to attack German anti-aircraft and reach Heligoland Bight, which is a wall of death for British 'planes.—Reuter.

"We Gave As Good As We Got"

"We gave as good as we got" was the brisk comment of the pilot of the R. A. F. bomber, which early to-day had alone returned from the fight in the North Sea. Twelve German 'planes came straight out of the sun at the three British and after a thrilling dogfight the surviving British 'plane tricked six pursuers on its tail by diving from 10,000 feet to the sea level.—Reuter

On Western Front

AIR ACTIVITY ON INCREASE

PARIS, January 3.

Patrols were active last night on most points along the western front. Finer weather has increased aerial activity on both sides. French 'planes carried out numerous reconnaissance flights over the German lines. They were protected by fighter 'planes which made no fewer than 107 flights during the day.

On the only occasion on which French fighters contacted German fighters, the Messerschmitts made off at the first burst of machinegun fire. German 'planes made reconnaissance flights over the front with a few long distance flights over Eastern France.

A communique says: "Nothing to report".—Reuter.

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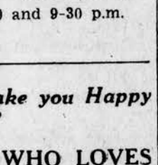

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Fire In Jacob Sassoon Mills: Rs. 5,000 Damage

BOMBAY: Wednesday.

Damage to the extent of Rs. 5,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in the machine room of the Jacob Sassoon Mills, Supari-baug Road, this morning.

As the mill staff could not cope with the fire, the fire brigade was called, which put out the fire in about 45 minutes.

The cause of the fire is not known and is being investigated.

IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Divisional Commissioners To Take Action

While the Government of Bombay is considering the various recommendations made by the Local Self-Government Committee with a view to improving the administration of local bodies in the province, instructions have already been issued to Commissioners of Divisions to investigate into breaches of acts, rules or standing orders on the part of local bodies and take suitable action. Special instructions have been issued to look into instances of unsound administration and irregularities and take such action as may be necessary for the improvement of the administration of the local bodies concerned.

EGYPTIAN MEDICAL CONGRESS

Will Be Held In Cairo From 18th To 22nd Instant

BOMBAY, Jan. 2.

The Royal Consulate for Egypt in a Communique states that the twelfth annual Congress of the Egyptian Medical Association and the third Pan-Arabic Medical Congress will now be held in Cairo between January 18 and 22 during the Courban-Bairam holidays and in Hedjaz as announced earlier.

Invitation has been extended to members of the medical profession in India also.

Subjects for discussion at the Congress include: Protection of civilian population from dangers of war; Diseases and epidemics during the wars in the Near East; Surgical First Aid in war; Aviation and aviators from the medical and hygienic point of view; Medical and hygienic precautions in battlefields, and other like subjects.

MORE MONEY RECEIVED IN INDIA

Remittances From Indians Overseas

About Rs. 516.00,000 more were received by money order in India than the amount remitted abroad in 1938-39. The excess sum was for payment in the country.

Of the sterling money orders exchanged with Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Eire (Ireland), the British Dominions and foreign countries generally, the total number sent and received together was 195,335 valued at £961,504, compared with 176,557 valued at £884,155 in the preceding year. The amount received during the year for payment in India exceeded that advised from this country by £560.400.

The largest amount, viz., £255,-945 was received from the Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territories. Next in order came Great Britain including Northern Ireland and the Union of South Africa, the amounts received being £201,447 and £153,565, respectively.

Foreign rupee money orders were exchanged with Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, the Portuguese Settlement in India, Aden and certain other countries. The number of such money orders was 1,972,700 and their value over Rs. 562,00,000 against 1,976,600 money orders of the value of over Rs. 563,00,000 in 1937-38. As usual, the money orders received for payment in India were much more in number and value than the outward orders advised from this country. The balance in favour of India was Rs. 516,00,-000.

The largest amount received, viz. Rs. 32,00,000 was from Burma. Next came Malaya (Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States) with Rs. 118.00,000 and Ceylon with Rs. 66,00,000.

POTENTIAL FORCE AGAINST RAIDS

Arms-Licences In Bannu To Be Trained

BANNU, January 2.

The Deputy Commissioner of Bannu has ordered the City Magistrate to train the arms-licensees of the city in the use of their arms, so that in case of tribal raids or internal trouble they may be used as supplementary Government Forces to restore peace.

The City Magistrate has, in turn summoned the licensees, numbering 1,200 for January 9, in order to find out ways and means of organising this potential force.

The District Board School at Dilasa Daudshah was burnt down last night by tribal bandits under the leadership of Gul Nawaz, an outlaw.—United Press.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

DEATH MYSTERY: INQUEST ADJOURNED

Mystery attaches to the death of a person who died early this morning from an unknown poison contained in a bottle supposed to have contained Sarsaparila.

As he was recommended to take Sarsaparila for his fever, Firozdin Imamdin (30) a tailor, bought a bottle the stuff as he believed from Pydhoni on December 24.

It was stated at the Coroner's Court to-day that when he took a spoonful of it, he sustained severe injuries in his mouth afterwards. He developed internal symptoms also and was removed to the J. J. Hospital where he died this morning.

The inquest was adjourned to January 15 for the report of the Chemical Analyser.

Chimanlal Manroob 35 years of age was found lying dead with some stab wounds on his body at Teligalli, Vithalwadi, this morning.

For further investigation the inquest has been adjourned to to-morrow.

UNDERTRIALS' BID FOR ESCAPE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A daring attempt on the part of three undertrial prisoners to escape from the police lock-up at Police Headquarters, Carnac Road was related to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court when the police asked for the remand of Shamini Hyder alias John De'Souza, Mahamed Asgarh, and another to custody.

The accused, who are alleged to be implicated in several cases of housebreaking and theft in the city and in the states are stated to have entered into a conspiracy to escape from the police lock-up about a week back.

With masterly ingenuity, the prisoners are alleged to have chalked out a plan for escape and a good opportunity came in their way when Mahomed Asgarh, the second accused was released by the police on December 26.

Unseen by the police, Mahomed Asgarh is alleged to have supplied to the first accused a steel hack saw. The first accused, with the aid of the saw attacked the cell window and one the bars gave away. He also succeeded in cutting the metal cover of the cell and was about to escape, when a policeman on duty, hearing some noise, hastened to the cell.

Seeing one of the bars of the window being wrenched off, he visited the cell when he found several pieces of saw in the cell. The prisoners were put under arrest.

The police then arrested Mahomed Asgarh who is alleged to have supplied a saw to the first accused.

The three accused were placed to-day before the Magistrate along with four others, who are stated to be implicated along with the accused in several cases of housebreaking and theft.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on a bail of Rs. 500 each.

Bombay Medical Union

In the report of the condolence meeting for Sir Nasarvanji Choksy published in our issue of the 29th December it was stated that the Bombay Medical Council passed a suitable resolution. The meeting was actually convened by the Bombay Medical Union, which we are informed is "a separate medical organ of the independent medical profession of 56 years' existence and older than the Congress itself."

LEGISLATORS' SALARIES

No Change In Present System

Enquiries in authoritative quarters show that there is no proposal in Bombay for alteration of the present system of payment of a monthly salary to members of the Legislature.

NERAL LANDLORD'S PARTY TO JINNAH

An "At Home" was given by Khan Bahadur Ghulam Nabi Haji Mian Naje, a landlord of Neral who is otherwise known as the Raja of Neral, to Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, All-India Muslim League, and Miss Jinnah in honour of the former's birthday, on Sunday evening, at the Rugby Hotel, Matheran, when about 300 prominent guests including Europeans, Parsis, Muslims, and Hindus were present.

UDAY SHANKAR'S APPEAL TO INDIANS

Help And Support, Cause Of Nationalism He Says

CALCUTTA, January 2

"I am making a serious attempt to interpret Indian art and culture and further the cause of nationalism through the Institute I have started at Almora. It is for the sake of an ideal that I have decided to give my all to this work and I appeal to my countrymen to see the work I have undertaken and render the help and support that I need" said Mr. Uday Shankar, the world-famous exponent of Indian art and dance, addressing the members of the Indian journalists' Association, who met at the Association room on the invitation of Mr. A. K. Nandy.—United Press.

LATE MR. GADKARI

Tributes From Bench And Bar

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Tributes to the memory of A. R. Gadkari were paid to-day by Mr. I. N. Mehta, Chief Presidency Magistrate, and members of the police court Bar when the court re-assembled after the Christmas vacation.

Mr. I. N. Mehta stated that he had known Mr. Gadkari for the last 23 years and he was a very able, painstaking and intelligent advocate. He took keen interest in his clients and by sheer dint of hard work and ability had become one of the best advocates.

BAR'S TRIBUTE.

Rao Bahadur Chunilal H. Setalvad, on behalf of the members of the Bar, stated that the late Mr. Gadkari was a front-rank lawyer. His cross-examination was clever, and his arguments were persuasive. His chamber was the training ground for many junior advocates.

Mr. J. J. Dhondy associated himself with the sentiments expressed on the occasion.

DR. AMBEDKAR MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

News has been received in Bombay that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, leader of the Independent Labour Party, met with a motor accident while touring in Satara District on Wednesday. It is learnt, however, the injuries are not of serious nature.

Death Of Mrs. H. D. Billimoria

A very wide circle of friends mourns the loss of Mrs. Banubai Billimoria, the wife of Mr. H.D. Billimoria, Proprietor of the Majestic Hotel, Bombay and Poona Hotel, Poona, who died very suddenly a few days ago.

Mrs. Billimoria was a lady of singular charm who made friends wherever she went. She came from an illustrious Parsi family with a hoary tradition behind it, the Cursetjee Nusserwanjees of Kirkee and Ahmednagar.

The Cursetjee Nusserwanjees of Surat migrated to Kirkee during the Peshwa regime. When the British and Peshwas were involved in a conflict, one of Mrs. Billimoria's ancestors was given an important field contract, which took him to Ahmednagar along with Sir Arthur Wellesley. Consequent on the successful capture of the city, he made Ahmednagar, his permanent abode for purposes of trade, which he carried on with great diligence, intelligence and prosperity. The flourishing concern which even to-day leads the business world of Ahmednagar, is a standing monument of this illustrious family.

Great sympathy is felt for Mr. H. D. Billimoria in his sad and unexpected bereavement by his many friends.

Grievances Of Shipping Co.'s Workers

The fact that even after working continuously for ten years some of the labourers in the employ of Mackinnon Mackenzie's had no permanency of security of service was emphasised by Mr. G. M. Jadhav at a meeting of the Company's employees held on Monday in the R. M. Bhatt High School hall under the presidency of Mr. D. V. Pradhan.

Mr. N. J. Chitnis exhorted the workers to join the Union and to fight for the redressal of their grievances through their Union.

The president referred to the rising commodity prices and asked the workers to unite to get increase in their wages He also dealt with the present politicial situation and explained the significance of the war and the objects for which it was being waged.

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On The Air

THURSDAY, 4TH JAN.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

6 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-5 B. S. Thakur. 5-25 Radhabai. 5-40 A 'Cello recital. 6-15 Ghulam Fareed. 6-30 For Villagers only. 7-30 Tikka Raja: Story in Hindustani. 7-45 Nasir Khan. 8 A Duet. 8-15 War and the Secretariat. 1: Department of Defence Co-ordination: Talk. 8-30 Rusoolanbai of Benares. 8-50 A Sarangi recital. 10 Rusoolanbai. 10-20 Nasir Khan.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

8 p.m. to 6-15 As in Delhi 1. 6-15 Nasir Khan. 6-30 Rusoolanbai. 6-50 B. S. Thakur. 7-10 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 7-15 Radhabai. 7-30 to 7-45 As in Delhi 1. 7-45 Ghulam Fareed. 7-55 Gat Tora on the Tabla. 8 to 9-30 As in Delhi 1. 9-30 Rusoolanbai of Benares. 9-45 Nasir Khan. 10. B. S. Thakur. 10-15 Radhabai.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Shamshad Begam. 7-15 Children's Programme. 7-45 Mubarak Ali Fateh Ali and Party. 8-5 Dhundiraj Paluskar of Bombay. 8-15 Respectability. 1: High and Low Heels: Talk. 8-30 Habebullah. 8-45 Shamshad Begam. 9-50 Jhumra on the Tabla. 10 Mubarak Ali Fateh Ali and Party. 10-10 Shamshad Begam.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 H. M. V. Dum Dum Studio Orchestra. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Vasant D. Tendulkar. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Memos and the Market Calendar: Talk. 9-15 Tunes Alike. 9-22 Asaveri on the Clarionet. 9-30 Kanha-ki-Bansuri. 9-40 Abdulla. 9-55 Jamuna-ke-Teer.

12-30 p.m. Marathi Pad. 12-45 A Musical Variety. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Duets. 1-10 Mutual Understanding: Lesson in English and Hindustani. 1-25 Ratan Prabha. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music and School Broadcast. 2-30 Musical Prelude. 2-35 Gujarati Literature: Premanand: Talk. 2-50 Gujarati Bhavgeets. 3 Spare Time Hobbies: School stage: Behind scenes and before foot-lights: Talk. 5 You asked for it. 5-10 Selected by Husein Moledina. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Selected by Thokersi P Seth. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Grousers' Club. 6-20 Abdulla. 6-30 Marathi Bhavgeets. 6-40 Vasant D. Tendulkar. 6-50 That is Her Story: Unemployed person's story for help. 7 G. J. Watve. 7-15 Ap ka Khat Mila. 7-30 The A I R Sextet. 7-40 Vasant D. Tendulkar. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Kesarbai Bandodkar. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English followed by a relay of the B B C news bulletin. 9-45 Sebastian Vaz and His Orchestra. 9-55 Hilda Flanders: Entertainer songs, recitations and sketches at piano. 10-5 Sebastian Vaz and His Orchestra. 10-30 Late news.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. to 8-15 As in Bombay 1. 8-15 Kesar Bandodker. 8-45 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-55 Garlands for the Gods. 9-5 A Hamidi recital. 9-15 Niwrutti Sarnaik of Kolhapur. 9-45 Poems of Dr. Iqbal. 9-50 G. J. Watwe. 12-30 p.m. to 12-57 As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Mao Mandir. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 A Musical interlude. 1-35 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Karlan Qawwal and Party. 5-35 Highbrow Hits. 6-15 G. J. Watve. 6-25 Paritosh Seal and Party. 6-2? Master Ratnakant. 6-50 The A I R Trio. 7 Do not Guard your Frontiers? Talk in Gujarati. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Bombay 1. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Niwrutti Sarnaik of Kolhapur. 8-15 Gule Poland: Gujarati review of Umashanker Joshi's translation of Poland's Poet Adam Mistskyewitch's sonnets. 8-25 to 8-30 As in Bombay 1. 8-30 The Lighter Side of Education: Talk. 8-45 Herlan. 8-55 Talk of the Town. 9 A Geet by Abdulla. 9-10 Karim Khan: Sitar. 9-20 Kesarbai Bandodkar. 9-45 Kyun na Bhaje. 9-55 Niwrutti Sarnaik. 10-30 Late news.

Dacca Programme

257 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Sourin Roy. 5-15 Gouri Sen Gupta. 5-30 An Ode to Evening: Flute solo. 5-50 Reading from Quran. 6-5 Gnayer Katha. 7 Gour Das. 7-15 Jharna Rani. 7-30 Nitya Burman. 7-45 Life is a Stage. 2: Talk in Bengali. 8 Nikhil Deb. 8-15 Nitya Burman. 8-30 Ghara on the Sitar. 9-5 The Two Stars. 9-45 Gour Das. 10 Nikhil Dev

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the Countryside. 5-50 For the Countryside (Contd.) 6-10 Nani Dulal Mukerjee. 6-25 Tarunprova Sinha Roy. 6-40 Sudhir Kumar Das. 6-50 Indubala. 7-10 Bijoy Shukla: Bhajan. 7-30 Old Bengali Song by Indubala. 7-40 Instrumental duet. 7-50 Satya Chowdhuri. 8-5 Contract Bridge. 1: Talk in Bengali. 8-20 Bibhuti Dutt. 9 The Press. 1: Background to Press: Talk. 9-45 Nikhil Ch. Sen 10-5 Kallpada Pathak.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 9-30 As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Doreen D'Dombal: Piano. 9-45 Violet Waring: Violin 10 Dialogues from famous Modern Plays.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 p.m Lucknow Radio Orchestra. 6-15 Akhtaribai Faizabadi. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar: For rural areas. 7 S. N. Ratanjankar: Classical music. 7-30 Akhtaribai Faizabadi. 7-50 Pandit Sakha Ram Ji. 8 The Influence of Ghalib in Hindi: Talk in Hindustani. 8-15 Ilyas Khan. 8-20 Mit Jae Koi: Short musical feature. 8-30 To-day's Topic. 8-35 S. N. Ratanjankar: Classical music. 9-50 Conflicts of Civilization: Science and Religion: Talk. 10-5 Akhtaribai Faizabadi.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Educational Broadcasts for Children. 4-3 Things of Interest (Tamil). 4-6 Famous Men of Letters: Oliver Goldsmith: Talk in Tamil. 4-16 Short Story in Tamil. 4-20 Kolattam by students of Corporation Girls' School. 4-30 Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orchestra. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 V. Krishnan: Voice. 5-5 Shrimati K. P. Bhagyalakshmi: Voice. 6-40 To-day's Headline (Telugu). 6-45 A I R Flautist. 7 To-day's headline (Tamil). 7-5 Kumari Sugandhi and B. V. Narasimha Rao: Bhavgeets. 7-50 V. Krishnan: Voice. 8-30 Kalahasti Veerayya: Veena. 9 To-day's Headline (English). 9-5 An Interlude.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For Rural Areas: Playlet in Telugu. 6-15 Instrumental interlude. 6-20 Listeners'-Forum. 6-30 Light songs 6-40 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Shrimati K. P. Bhagyalakshmi: Voice. 10-25 Kalahasti Veerayya: Veena.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 Shrimati T. A. Sundarambal: Vocal. 6-5 For the Villages. 6-30 A I R Instrumentalists. 7 Learn to sing. 7-15 Design for Living. 2: Pattern: Talk. 7-50 Marungapuri G. Gopalakrishna Iyer: Violin. 8-45 Shrimati T. A. Sundarambal: Vocal. 9-45 Marungapuri G. Gopalakrishna Iyer: Violin.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. Baloo Bai—music. 6 "Custom and Crime" Talk by Mr. A. A. Raz. 6-15 Manik Rao—songs. 6-35 Sarwar Husain—songs. 7 to 7-30 For Children (Urdu). 7-30 Baloo Bai—songs. 7-50 Orchestra—"Naghma-e-Sahera." 8-45 Manik Rao—songs. 9-05 Master Sundaram—Violin. 9-10 S. Husain—songs. 9-30 Baloo Bai—songs.

Java Programme

(21, 25, 27, 29 and 31 metres)

15-03 Concert. 16-00 Eagle's nest. 16-30 Swing music. 18-30 Spanish programme. 19-00 Nirom Orchestra. 20-01 Slot.

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RENEWED ACTIVITY IN TEXTILES

New Orleans Support And Foreign Demand

Bombay, Jan 2

The New Year opened with an optimistic feeling on the New York Cotton Exchange, where persistent buying pushed up prices. The market responded to the strength of overseas cables with small offerings featured by scale up Spot house selling of March on limits presumably against loan certificates. The Chicago grains market firmed on professional and Wall Street buying due to official mid-week forecast of cold clear weather in Kansas and Oklahoma and prospects of enlarged flour demand. Poor yields in Central Argentine also contributed to the rise.

FOREIGN BUYING G

The market opened firm. Bombay and Liverpool buying and covering absorbed scattered hedging and Spot house selling. Prices advanced further on persistent price fixing, foreign buying and renewed activity in textiles. Finally, New Orleans buying appeared with the session ending very steady.

The statistical position of cotton is strong and there is all possibility for a larger demand. European countries are not in a position to supply the need of South American countries and U. S. A. Mills will have to satisfy the requirements. Thus American Mills will have to buy all available cotton from loan stocks.

NEW YORK PRICES

The market opened at a rise of 8 points with March 11.08 and declined 2 points from the opening level and March was quoted 11.06 which was the lowest level. Later on there was increased and persistent buying which raised March to 10.19 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 19 to 30 points. Spot cotton prices gained 18 points at 11.54c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton market was also firm with active buying and closed at a rise of 16 to 20 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 16 points at 11.28c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool market opened at a rise of 19 points with January 8.51. The market responded to the strength of Bombay market There was Bombay and American as well as New Year speculative buying. There was scattered local profit-taking. Later on business was at standstill when the maximum limit was reached if there were no sellers. The market closed at a rise of 25 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices advanced 16 points at 8.86d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was firm. Uppers futures rose 50 to 45 points and Giza futures advanced 38 to 44 points. The Alexandria cotton futures market was fairly firm with renewed buying Sakels futures advanced 60 to 40 points and Ashmouni Contracts gained 32 to 38 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (3 p.m.)	11.19+19
New York March lowest (10-23 a.m.)	11.06+06
Liverpool January highest	8.57+25
Liverpool January lowest	8.51+19

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

Liverpool: Some profit-taking but all eagerly absorbed. Looks higher

New York: Advance reflects strength abroad, fixations and foreign buying. Renewed demand goods. Market acts well. Offerings relatively light

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts

New York, Jan 2

January	11.48+21
March	11.33+18
May	11.00+26
July	10.73+19
October	10.04+30
December	9.97+30

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan 2

January	11.28+21
March	11.19+19
May	10.85+24
July	10.48+21
October	10.04+30
Middling Spot	11.54+18

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Jan 2

January	11.36+17
March	11.28+16
May	10.96+20
Middling Spot	11.28+16

NEW YORK

New York, Jan 2

11 a.m. rates Noon call

March	11.13/11.12	11.16
May	10.80/10.79	10.82
July	10.42/10.42	10.46

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Jan 2

	Bales
Day's receipt at all U S Parts	53,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	5,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	22,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 2

January	8.57+25
February	8.58+25
March	8.60+25
April	8.59+25
May	8.58+25
June	8.54+25
July	8.50+25
August	8.42+25
September	8.34+25
October	8.27+25
November	8.23+25
December	8.23+25
January	8.21+25
Middling Spot	8.86+16

11-12 a.m. quotations.

March	8.55
May	8.53

Yarn Market Entirely Depends Upon Cotton Prices

Bombay, Jan. 3.

A holiday feeling has prevailed in the Yarn market and prices have not recorded any important changes in any kinds of yarns during the whole past week. The New Year has opened with hopes of improvement in demand from all consuming centres in all kinds of yarns and cotton prices remain round about the present level or show any further improvement in the course of the next few days, prices allround are likely to show improvement. It remains to be seen however whether the present high level of prices which are mostly due to high speculative activities in all markets will at all be maintained in the next few days. Signs are not wanting of a natural reaction and also inclination on the part of several speculators to unload their holdings and to realise profits before a further decline is possible. On the other hand there are no signs whatever of the early termination of the European War and it is believed therefore in some reliable quarters that so long as the War continues any material decline in prices seems quite improbable. In the midst of such uncertainties the New Year has begun with cotton prices quoting Rs. 312 for April/May Broach and yarn prices quoting Rs. 230 for 20-1/2s. February delivery on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd. Demand from consuming centres has not yet been showing any improvement and prices are reported to have been gradually declining especially in Indian yarns on account of continued absence of satisfactory demand. As regards Export markets prices have remained very irregular with a quiet undertone at the close. Very limited and scattered business is possible probably due to higher prices quoted by the Indian spinners. The future tendency remains uncertain and whilst much more will depend upon the course of the cotton prices in the next few days any material improvement in prices of yarn or cloth are not expected in the near future.

ENGLISH YARNS

Owing to Europen War prices of English yarns are prohibitive and no business is possible in this class of yarns.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS

During the week under review prices have continued to remain irregular and uncertain with only limited demand from consuming centres. Arrivals from Japan are increasing owing to several incoming steamers but prices have been maintained probably due to better feeling in the local market as a result of War situation. As regards Mercerised yarns speculative turnover continues to remain on a limited scale and prices have not shown any material change during the week. Fresh forward business with Japan is practically nil owing to considerably higher prices quoted by Japanese Spinners. Exchange has remained steady and unchanged.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS

A further rise of about half anna per lb. has been reported by the Italian Syndicate and it is further reported that Syndicate often demand higher prices than their official prices. Looking to the tendency of the market turnover in Italian yarns is therefore very limited at present. As regards Japanese yarns prices have remained very steady throughout the whole past week with a firm undertone at the close. Arrivals from Japan are large but owing to large demand from consuming districts and also from art silk mills, prices have been showing a tendency to increase further. As reards staple fibre yarns after some decline prices have been showing gradual improvement with a slightly better undertone at the close.

INDIAN YARNS

In spite of the holidays turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., has continued to remain satisfactory and prices have shown improvement to the extent of Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 per bale during the week especially in 20 1/2s. In 10 1/2s, business continues to remain limited. The future tendency remains uncertain.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE
G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-00
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona East Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon.)	21-15 (Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-40

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Jan. 3.

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey new per cwt.	Rs.	103	0 0
Pepper ready Allepey new per Cwt.		99	8 0
Pepper Maha Sud 16th per candy		108	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		114	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per cwt.		13	8 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt.		19	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt.		22	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt.		23	12 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt.		25	8 0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Jan. 3.

	To-day	Total
Bengal Dece./Jan.	600	3650
Oomra Dec./Jan.	200	3200

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Jan. 3.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. Feb. 146; April 148; June 150

Yarn No. 10 1/2s. Feb. 180; April 185; June 190.

Yarn No. 20 1/2s. Feb. 242; April 247; June 252.

Yarn No. 40s. Feb. 287; April 288; June 289.

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, Jan. 3.

Yellow Metal Sheets	Rs. 60
Copper Sheets	Rs. 93

Tone:—Steady.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Jan 3

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:			
Ready (small grain)	Rs.	19	5 0
Ready large grain)		19	7 0
Shipment December F B H		10	12 0
Shipment Jan-Feb-March F B H		11	0 0
Indian sugars Ready		18 to 19	9 0 2 0

Tone: Quiet

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Jan. 3.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 91-12
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes Cash 87-14
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-14
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-14
3 per cent 1963/65 86-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 99-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-11
4 per cent 1960/70 102-12
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 107-2
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 107

TAXFREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-8
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore Loan 106-12
5 per cent 1955 Mysore Loan 117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 99
6 per cent M Deb 1959 106
6 per cent M Deb 1954 116
6 per cent K F T 1965 110

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Jan 3

B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to March
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to Mar.
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 329
Bank's buying D D 327
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1290
Bank's buying T T 1330
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 79 7/8
Bank's buying T T 78 7/8
Bank's buying 60 days 77 7/8
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 84 1/4
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 28 1/2
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
BERLIN:—
Bank's selling D D .....
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 3rd inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 15/16 3rd inst
Java London 7.44/54 3rd inst.
New York London 3.95 5/8 2nd inst.
London New York 4.02/4 2nd inst.
London Paris 176/7 2nd inst.
London Italy 78.00 2nd inst.
London Belgium 23.75/24.00 2nd inst.
London Switzerland 17.80/95 2nd inst.
London Stockholm 16.85/95 2nd inst.
London Amsterdam 7 50/56 2nd inst.
London Japan 1/2 9/32 2nd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 2nd inst.
Silver London Ready 22 2nd inst.
Silver London Forward 22 3/16 2nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 2nd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 2nd inst
London Discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 2nd inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:- Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 Months 2 1/4 per cent.
6 Months 2 1/4 per cent.
Tone: Firm.

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Jan 2

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:

	Dollars
Electric Bond and Share Com	7 5/8
Elec Bonds and Share dol 5 Pfd	60
Amr Water Works 6 per cent	94 3/4
Amr Tel and Tel	171 1/4
Great Northern Pfd	26 3/4
Western Union Telg	28
Chesapeake and Ohio	41 1/4
New York Central R R	18 3/8
Amr Tobacco 'B'	86 3/4
Amrex Corporation	17 7/8
Reynolds Tobacco	39 1/2
Union Carbon and Carbide	86 3/4
Int Tel and Tel 4 1/2 per cent 1952	41 1/2
Texas Corporation	45 1/4
Woolworth	39
Consolidated Oil	7 5/8
Socony	12 3/8
United States Steel	65 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	81 3/8
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	21 1/2
Int Nickel of Canada	37 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	30 1/4
General Motors	54 7/8
Chrysler Motors	89 1/2
General Electric	40 1/4
Columbia Gas and Elec	6 1/2
Chase National Bank	36 1/4
National City Bank of N. Y.	28 1/4

Market irregularly higher. Steel Production 85.7 per cent against 73.7 per cent last week.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 2

UPPERS:—	
Spot	10.32+40
January	10.23+50
March	10.30+48
May	10.35+49
July	10.38+47
October	10.17+45
GIZA:—	
Spot	10.70+35
January	10.35+38
March	10.53+40
May	10.63+40
July	10.70+11
October	10.70+44

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Jan 2

SAKELS:—	
January	20.60+10
March	20.50+35
May	20.40+40
ASHMOUNI—	
February	17.94+38
April	18.10+32
June	18.15+33
GIZA:—	
January	18.54+52
March	19.06+37
May	19.38+41

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below Liverpool May 119 penny points.

Difference Broach A/M above New York May 160 cent points.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Jan 2

Broach A/M highest 320 1/2 lowest 309 1/2 closing at 5-30 p.m. 320 1/2

Broach J/A highest 328 lowest 316 closing at 5-30 p.m. 327 1/2

Oomra D/J highest 281 1/2 lowest 2/5 closing at 5-30 p.m. 231 1/2

Oomra March highest 285 lowest 279 1/2 closing at 5-30 p.m. 286.

Bengal D/J highest 232 lowest 228 closing at 5-30 p.m. 232

Bengal March highest 235 lowest 230 closing at 5-30 p.m. 235

Night session: Broach A/M opened Rs. 319 1/2 highest Rs. 323 1/2 lowest Rs. 318 1/2 closed Rs. 322. Broach J/A closed Rs. 329.

Tata Steel Shares Steady

SCATTERED REALISING IN TEXTILE SHARES

Market Displays Good Tone

Bombay, Jan 3

In response to firmness of cotton market, the local share bazar opened firm to-day and later on prices sagged under scattered realising. However the undertone of the market was good and Tata Steel shares once again reached the highest level reached in 1937. Thus Steel shares seem to penetrate through the highest levels established so far and will be able to register new high levels which are difficult to predict, as the future of our steel industry is directly associated with the European War. However, as pointed before buyers are confident and look for substantial advances which are not unlikely, in the present circumstances.

Despite prevailing uncertainties, the Wall Street began the New Year with a spirit of hopefulness. However, with Congress convening to-day, there was no rush to buy

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Jan 3

Bombay Dyeing (1160) 1165 1162 1165 1145 1155

Century (428) 428 429 422 423 420

Central India (378) 381 383 376 377

Kohinoor (456) 462 457 458 449 452 453

New Great (480) 485 482 475

Simplex (140) 142 141 140 139/8

Swadeshi (360) 365 362 360

Associated Cement (138/12) 139/8 138/4 138

Andhra (1490) 1500

Tram Ord (131/8) 131 132

Tata Hydro (155/8) 155 156/8

Tata Power (1385) 1385 1387 1382 1385 1390 1377

T Steel Defd (2662/8) 2286 2300 2230 2275 2280 2277 2282

T Steel Ord (420) 424 422 423 418 420/

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (135/4) 135/4 135/8

Bellapur (262) 262 263 259

B Steam (331) 331 332

B Burma (700) 705 710 703 707/8.

pending more light on tax prospects and clues of political trends. Nevertheless, the creeping advance continued, the market closing very firm U. S. Steel activity was reported 85.7 per cent against 73.1 per cent in the previous week. Steel shares were supported though the rebound in output was less than expected. U. S. Steel shares advanced 3/4 at 66 3/4. Anaconda Coppers gained 5/8 at 30 1/4 and General Motors improved 5/8 at 54 7/8 dollars.

In 1937 Tata Steel Defd shares reached the highest level of Rs. 2290 while they improved to-day to Rs. 2300 and the next settlement which quotes at a premium of Rs 25 recorded the quotation of Rs. 2325. Later on there was some realising and prices declined to Rs. 2282/8 for the current settlement Ordinary shares closed at Rs. 420. Cotton Mill Shares were quiet and Bombay Dyeings closed at Rs. 1155.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Jan. 3.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	355	0
250	BOM. DYEING	1155	0
100	CENTURY	420	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	377	0
100	COLABA	219	0
250	Coorla	130	8
250	David	60	0
250	Dawn	401	4
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 9	3
100	Finlay	210	8
100	GOKAK	240	0
1000	Hindustan	2060	0
100	Indore	51	0
100	Khatau	143	12
100	KOHINOOR	453	0
250	Laxmi	605	0
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	246	0
250	Model	97	0
50	MYSORE	130	0
200	NEW GREAT	475	0
100	Ocsmanshahi	51	0
100	Phoenix	315	0
25	Sassoon Silk	86	0
1000	Sholapur	4400	0
50	SIMPLEX	139	8
50	SWADESHI	360	0
100	SWAN	207	8
500	Vishnu	1433	12
1000	Western	995	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	100	0
25-50	Central	34	4
125-500	Imp. Conty.	371	4
500	Imperial	1508	12
50-100	India	139	0 0
100	Reserve Bank	109	8
5	Union	5	8 6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	139	0

INSURANCE

100	Empire	626	4
15-100	Jupiter	9	8
20	Mercantile	50	0
15-75	New India	35	12
200	Oriental	4015	0
10-50	Vulcan	6	14

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	150	8
100	ANDHRA VALLEY	1500	0
10	Ajmer	10	12
50	BOMBAY TRAM	132	0
100	Bombay Suburban	165	0
10	Broach	11	0
100	Karachi	162	8
100	Poona	183	0
100	Surat	160	0
100	TATA HYDRO	156	8
1000	TATA POWER	1377	8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	980	0
100	C. Province	98	0
100	Dh. Baramati	95	8
100	Gujarat	96	0
100	Mandra Bhon	93	0
100	Pachora Jamner	73	0
100	Sara Serajganj	97	0
500	Tapti Valley	757	0

MININGS

5	Burma Corp.	8	1
2sh.	Indian Copper	2	12
16	Indian Iron and Steel	44	14
10	SHIVRAJPUR	56	8
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2282	8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	420	0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	565	0
10	Air Services	5	10
80	BELAPUR SUGAR	259	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	615	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	332	0
125	B. BURMA	707	8
50	B. BURMA CONTY.	228	2
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	2	9
100	IND. BLEACHING	150	0
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	87	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	50	0
100	Ind. Radio Def.	442	8
100	I. Radio Ord.	442	8
30	Port Canning	74	4
30	PREMIER CON.	86	8
15	Scindia	26	4
25	Tata Oil Mill	55	8
100	Western I. Match	153	0

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1327	8
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	XD 286	4
6	p.c. Bom (T. F.)	75	4
5	p.c. Central India (T. F.)	551	4
6 1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	107	0
6 1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	100	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	141	12
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power	1465	0
7	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	191	14
7	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	135	8
7	p.c. Vishnu	682	8

DEBENTURES

3 3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	100	8
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	103	2
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	49	4
7	p.c. Sholapur	75	10
5	p.c. Tata Hydro	103	12

Capital letters indicate shares as Forward list.)

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Jan 3

London gold was unchanged yesterday at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 to 177. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 to 4.04 at London and 3.95 3/8 at New York London silver Spot prices declined 1/2d at 22d. and forward quotation was reduced 1/2d. at 22 3/16d. Prices fell on little general selling. There was scarcity of buyers and business was very small. Later on there were small buyers at 1/16 over fixed rates but nothing was offered. It appears that London silver market has now no influence on Indian market. Indian operators have no interest beyond speculative ventures as buyers in this country are given delivery here by the Reserve Bank. At present India is the last buyer of silver and American Treasury is the next best buyer

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON SIX POINTS DOWN

Stocks And Securities Very Firm In London

INCREASED SUPPORT IN BROACH TOWARDS CLOSE

Selling Pressure In London Silver

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

New York: Jan. 3.

Previous closing	11.19
To-day's opening	11.23
Difference	+4
To-day's closing	11.13
Difference	—6

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool: Jan. 3.

Previous closing	8.60
To-day's opening	8.76
Difference	+16
To-day's closing	8.72
Difference	+12

Broach April/May Expectation ..... Rs. 322/0
Broach July/Aug Expectation ..... Rs. 329/8

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: Jan. 3.

The New York cotton displayed moderate activity with the sentiment being cheerful following several favourable factors contributing to prevailing steadiness, but the lack of aggressive support kept prices pinned to narrow levels with the underlying feeling being very hopeful.

The trading in March began at 11.23, i.e. 4 points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool and Bombay cables coupled with trade and local support with some covering purchases, but the general enquiry was slow with prices making hardly any headway.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay: Jan. 3.

Locally, Broach April/May opened to-night at Rs. 321 and then declined to Rs. 320. Later prices rallied briskly on further support. The market finally closed at Rs. 324.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Jan. 3.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange :—

March (11.09/08) 11.23/23
May (10.73/73) 10.92/92
July (10.42/39) 10.60/57

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: Jan. 3.

American January (8.51) 8.78
American March (8.53) 8.78
Ginn January (10.20) 10.55
Ginn March (10.39) 10.73

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: Jan. 3.

Dundee December (£53) £54
Lightning December (£51) £51

SEEDS

Castorseeds January/February (£22 1/8 quoted) £22 1/8 quoted.
Linseed Calcutta January/February (£21 3/8 quoted) £21 1/2 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December (£15 quoted) £15 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal January February (£14 1/2 quoted) £14 3/4 quoted.

RUBBER

Spot (11 3/4d paid and sellers) 11 3/4d paid and sellers.
Forward April/June (11 11/16d paid and sellers) 11 11/16d paid and sellers.

METALS

Tin (£246 1/4 buyers; £246 3/4 sellers. Steady). £246 1/2 buyers; £246 3/4 sellers. Steady.
Electrolytic Copper Max. (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No 3 (111 sh) 111 sh

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Jan. 3.

Previous closing	3.95 3/8
To-day's opening	3.95

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Jan. 3.

Previous closing	4.04 to 4.04
To-day's opening	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: Jan. 3.

Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To-day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: Jan. 3.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:

India and speculators sold. Small support. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: Jan. 3.

Spot (22d) 21 5/8d —3/8
Forward (22 3/16d) 21 3/4d —7/16

LONDON GOLD

London: Jan. 3.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Jan. 3

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate.

Franc was officially fixed at 176 to 177

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay 13 2/ 3/4 13.23 3/4
New York on Bombay (30.20) 30.18
London on Milan (78.00) 78.00
London on Shanghai (0-4 7/16 to 0-4 15/16) 0-4 7/16 to 0-4 15/16
London on Kobe (1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32) 1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent) 1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent.

BULLION

India (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 21 5/8d
Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: Jan. 3.

Wheat January	4	5	9
Wheat May	5	0	9
Linseed May	9	7	0
Groundnuts February	42	1	6
Castorseeds May	59	4	0
Cottonseeds January	26	9	0
Cottonseeds May	28	13	0

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay: Jan. 3.

Silver Ready	61	3	0
Silver Posh	61	7	0
Silver Maha	61	13	0
Gold Ready	41	14	6
Gold Posh	42	1	0
Gold Maha	42	2	6
Sovereigns	26	12	0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: Jan. 3.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 54 7/8) dol 55
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 30 1/4) dol 30 3/4
U S Steel Common (dol 66 1/8) dol 67 3/4
U S Steel Pref. (unquoted) dol 117 1/2

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London: Jan. 3.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £83 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: January 3.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£91 3/4 ex-div) £92 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£82 3/4) £83 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£104) £104 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£105) £105 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock (1948/53) (£101) £101 1/2
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£103 3/4) £103 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/59 (£95) £95 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£102 1/4) £102 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£68 3/8) £68 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£94 1/8) £94 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101) £101
4 per cent Funding Loan (£107 1/8) £107 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£93 1/2) £93 7/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£106 3/8) £106 3/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-3) 11-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-1 1/2) 52-1 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/4) dol 3 1/4
Elec Music Industry (7-10 1/2) 8-9
Princhin Johnson (19-1 1/2) 19-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-7 1/2) 30-1 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (61-6) 61-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£28) £28
Dunlop Rubber (30-4 1/2) 30-3
Unilever Ordinary (31-1 1/2) 31-1 1/2
Ford Motors (12-9) 13
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£56 1/2) £56 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (96-3) 95
Carreas 'A' (£5 1/2) £5 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (118-1 1/2) 118-1 1/2
P and O Def. (21-0) 21-0
Distillers (67-0) 67-0
Bredfords Dy: (5-10 1/2) 7-4 1/2
British Celanese (7-1 1/2) 7-1 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (37-3) 37-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (38-3) 38-7 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-9) 7-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (17-1 1/2) 17-4 1/2
Inter Nickel (dol 47 1/4) dol 47 1/2
Indian Iron (65) 65-7 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (15-10 1/2) 16-10 1/2
Dengrg Tea (31-3) 32-6
Empire of India (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (27-3) 27-3
Gula Kelampong (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (34-1 1/2) 34-1 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (32-6) 32-6
Burma Corporation (11-6) 11-7 1/2
Rio Tintos (£17 3/4) £17 3/4
East Rand Properties (45) 45-7 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14 3/4) £14 5/8
Associated Portland Cement (60-7 1/2) 60-7 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (72-6) 73-1 1/2
Sub. Nigel (£9 5/8) £9 5/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (34-4 1/2) 34-4 1/2
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-9) 24-4 1/2
Anglo-Iranian (56-10 1/2) 56-10 1/2
Burma Oil (62-6) 61-10 1/2
Mexican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 6-10 1/2
Shell Transport (81-3) 81-3
Royal Dutch (£35) £34 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£37 3/4) £37
London Midland Ordinary (£15) £14 5/8
London North-Eastern Def (£2 3/8) £2 3/8
London Southern Def. (£14 1/4) £14 5/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£111 1/2) £111 1/2
London Transport "C" (£66) £65

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Jan. 3.

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	61	0	0
Highest	61	3	0
Lowest	59	8	0
Closing	59	14	0
Groundnuts February:—			
Opening	42	14	0
Highest	43	0	0
Lowest	42	4	6
Closing	42	8	0
Cottonseeds January:—			
Opening	26	14	0
Highest	26	18	0
Lowest	26	11	0
Closing	26	12	0
Cottonseeds May:—			
Opening	29	5	0
Highest	29	6	0
Lowest	29	0	0
Closing	29	0	9

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, Jan. 3.

	Cwts.
Linseed	6,441
Rape, Raj, & Mustardseeds	21
Gingellyseed	256
Poppyseed	88
Groundnuts	77,473
Castorseed	3,234
Myrabollams	2,396
Cottonseed	35,397
Indian Sugar	4,878

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET.

Karachi: Jan. 3.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind Jan. 30/13/6; March 30/11. Punjab Jan. 24/10/9; March 24/13. Desi American Jan. 33/15/6; March 34/0/9 sellers.

Wheat Jan. 32/13; March 33/9/3; July 35/8/3 sellers.

Gram Jan. 37/8; July 36/10/3.

Toria Feb. 46/11; March 49/15.

Cottonseeds Jan. 24/7; March 25/1/6; May 25/12.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

Ahmedabad: Jan. 3.

Following are the closing quotations:—

Calico 827; Ambika 311; Gujarat Cotton 20; Jubilee 325; Jupiter 140; Motilal Hirabhai 37/8; Marsdan 127/8; Monogram 87/8; Ordinary 425/8.

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Jan. 3.

	Extra Spr-fine.	Sup. Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P	244	242	239	236
M G Punjab	244	242	239	236
M G Oomra No. 3	298	296	293	290
M G C. P. No. 1	313	311	308	305
M G C. P. No. 2	305	303	300	297

American Cotton Figures

F. P. Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 2-1-40	4901000	3022000
Receipts Yesterday 2-1-40	53000	8000
Export to date 2-1-40	3122000	1991000
Stock at Ports 29-12-39	3315000	2998000
Stock at Interior Towns 29-12-39	3341000	3431000
Stock at Liverpool 15-12-39		1086000
Visible Supply 29-12-39		7752000
Quantity in sight 29-12-39	9435000	7192000
Quantity out of sight 29-12-39 ...		5075000

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Jan 3

Following a rise of 19 points in New York cotton futures the local market opened to-day at Rs. 324/8 for Broach A/M delivery and with active buying prices advanced to Rs. 329/8. Later on there was scattered realising and prices reacted to Rs. 325/8. The market steadied at this level with a moderate turnover. The undertone of the market was good. Indian cotton crop is a small one and Bears have no nerves to go short. Thus the market is entirely at the mercy of bulls.

Later on the market was steady and prices improved to Rs. 328/-. The Alexandria Cotton market opened at a rise of 56 to 100 points. Liverpool opened at a rise of 18 points. The local market was steady with scattered buying.

Later on there was general realising which depressed prices. The market finally closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach April/May	Rs.	323/0
F G M G Broach July/Aug	Rs.	330/8
Fine M G Oomra Dec/Jan	Rs.	284/8
Fine M G Oomra March	Rs.	288/8
F G M G Bengal Dec/Jan	Rs.	232/0
F G M G Bengal March	Rs.	235/0

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay: January 3.

	New Crop.	January
Bengal Fine	339/40	+3 1/2
Punjab Fine	339/40	+4
C. P. 1	306/08	+17
C. P. 2	295/97	+9
Berar	290/91	+3
Khandesh	279/82	—8
Jalna/Sailu	280/82	.....
Ahmednagar	279/80	.....
		February
Broach	337/39	+2
Sindh N. T.	357	.....

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Jan. 3.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	31-12-39	Since Septr. 1 This year.	Last year
Khandesh	2,389	24,392	17,540
Central India	2,939	22,423	81,539
Barsi and Nagar	2,404	57,684	30,060
Hyderabad-Gaorani	1,970	21,872	1,491
Berar	9,810	105,159	57,718
Central Provinces	1,695	24,611	17,866
Total Oomras	21,207	256,141	196,204
Dholera	918	15,751	64,259
N.-W. Provinces	302	18,171	687
Rajputana	1,020	15,565	17,221
Sind-Punjab	3,858	183,287	123,658
Broach		885	12,280
Coompta and Dharwar	142	13,801	12,950
Westerns-Northerns	411	13,389	13,381
Cocoanada			6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	51	439	2,376
American		379	512
Egyptian, African and Sudan	15,470	149,968	119,718
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,892	6
Total	44,379	657,667	563,258
Arrived by road to 28th December 1939		70,000	.....

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	Sept. 1 to Dec. 28 This year.	Last year
Europe	1,725	46,047	71,758
Japan and China	325	269,939	363,976
Coast Ports		8,279	12,807
Up-country by Rail		126,850	100,504
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		24,093	43,822
Total	2,050	475,208	592,867

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Jan. 2.

March	1.94
May	1.98
July	8.02
Sept	2.04

A CORRECTION

On page three under the head London Share Quotations, Tunnel Cement has been quoted at 113/16, which should be read as £1—13/16.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS

Bombay: January 3.

M B Kaisha's Norwegian s s Shenghwa of 3380 reg tons Capt R B Ernarsen arrived from Saigon with cargo of rice.

Lloyd Triestino Coy's Italian s s Conte Verde of 11827 reg tons Capt A Valcini arrived from Trieste with general cargo and passengers.

LOADING

The following vessel booked for loading on 3/1/1940:—

Italian s s Conte Biancamano.

EXPORTS

Bombay: January 3.

267 bags kardi seed S M Rajgor and Co; 336 bags dill seed S M Rajgor and Co; 200 bags fenal seed S M Rajgor and Co; 150 bales tow hemp T Dawoodbhai; 90 bales woollen carpets Grindlay and Co Ltd; 10 bls lamb skins with fur Grindlay and Co Ltd; 640 bags myrabollams R S Tata and Co; 250 bales cotton twist waste L O Vora; 200 bales cotton fly L O Vora; 110 tons old iron scrap C Manilal Ltd; 4 bales cotton grey yarn J Jeevan and Co; 12 bales cow hides tanned E Mavji and Co; 40 packages gum E Mavji and Co; 200 tons old iron scrap Ali Bros; 21 bales cow hides tanned P E Boyee and Son; 20 bales sheep skins tanned F Janmohomed; 6 bales sheep skins tanned D Abraham and Sons; 79 bales woollen carpets and rugs B Lawrie and Co; 32 cases bristles Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 25 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley Ltd; 640 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas and Co; 198 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 50 bales cotton waste P D Vora; 25 bales cotton twist waste Indian Produce Export Co; 1239 bags myrabollams P Mathradas and Co Ltd; 171 drums magnesium chloride P Magnesia Works Ltd; 725 bales raw cotton Gill and Co; 674 bags linseed oil cake exp P Popatlal and Co; 100 bales cotton twist waste Champaklal and Co; 200 bales cotton waste Champaklal and Co; 250 bales cotton waste L O Vora; 46 cases dry cattle guts Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 20 bags shark fin M Ladha.

IMPORTS

Bombay: January 3.

257 cases toilet papers; 47 cases printed books, maps and charts; 104 cases medicines; 90 cases Ester milk; 105 drums Malt extract; 252 drums paint; 79 bundles emulsion; 152 cases distemper; 171 cases toilet soap; 188 cases Milton; 100 drums printing ink; 35 cases gin; 205 bundles tubes; 200 packages cydette; 40 cases soda tart; 37 coils elect wire; 618 cases biscuits; 380 cases cigarettes; 330 cases provision confectionery, preserves etc; 90 cases tooth-paste; 32 bales papers; 80 bales yellow straw boards; 100 cases whisky; 91 bundles coir fibre; 44 bales printing paper; 45 cases marmite; 184 bundles fish; 1704 bags cocoanuts; 205 boxes Kippers, Herrings Haddock, etc; 75 baskets dunk eggs; 46 cases antifriction metal; 167 bags black pepper; 45 cases indigo; 160 bundles canes; 63 bags arrow roots; 118 bundles mattress fibre; 89 cases silk piecegoods; 42 cases umbrella sticks; 158 cases printed cotton Jeans; 213 cases spinning machinery parts; 2153 bundles coir rope; 34 bales sheep skins; 172 cases photo material; 196 bundles coir yarn; 175 cases art silk mixed piecegoods; 56 cases art silk piecegoods; 3031 bags copra; 120 bales cotton yarn; 824 bags dry ginger; 242 bales grey boards; 123 cases machinery; 32 cases cardamoms.

HUNGER-STRIKE IN JAIL

Internee's Decision In Mandaleshwar Prison

NAGPUR, Jan. 3.

A message from Indore states that Hazarilal Jadia, who was interned there for the past four and half months has commenced a twenty-one-day hunger-strike in the Mandaleshwar jail, where he has been confined.

It is understood that he had given previous intimation of his decision to fast to Col. Dinanath, Prime Minister of Indore.—United Press.

Plight Of Pilgrims

Mr. Abdul Ghani Abdul Shakoor, Secretary of the Mahfile-Muavenn-e-Hujjaj, writes under date January 2:—

The s. s. "Rizwani" of the Mogul Line sailed this afternoon with about 425 pilgrims for Jeddah 'via' Karachi. This, I understand, was the last steamer for Haj this season. I, however, regret to bring to your notice and to the notice of the public that eight pilgrims were left behind in Bombay after the sailing of the ship. At the Wharf this afternoon these pilgrims were seen begging and imploring the authorities to issue them tickets—not at reduced rates but at full rates. The Mogul Line people replied that as their bookings were full in Karachi they were not in a position to issue further tickets to pilgrims in Bombay.

May I, therefore, ask the Mogul Line and the Haj Committee as to what these eight pilgrims are now going to do in Bombay and how are they going to reach Jeddah in time for the Haj? The Mogul Line had announced in the Musafarkhanas and to the Haj Committee that if any pilgrims are left behind after the sailing of "Rizwani," they will put s. s. "Jehangir" on the berth. I have, therefore, to request the Mogul Line to fulfil their promise by arranging for s. s. "Jehangir" to carry these eight pilgrims as well as the other pilgrims who will be coming to Bombay now. It is not right on the part of the Mogul Line to have acquired 75 per cent. on the basis of their seven ships and then to have placed only three ships on the Haj run, thus not only driving out the Scindia from the field but also putting pilgrims to inconvenience. After the sailing of s. s. "Khosrou" on the 18th December last nearly 400 pilgrims were left behind and again after the sailing of s. s "Islami" on the 28th December about 300 pilgrims were left behind. May I, therefore, ask the Mogul Line as to what they propose to do with regard to these pilgrims who were left behind?

SUGAR MARKET STEADY WITH NARROW FLUCTUATIONS

BOMBAY, Jan. 3.

JAVA SUGAR.

Since our last review, local market for ready Java sugar continued to remain very steady with an advance of about 8 annas per cwt. due to fairly good demand for transhipment and scarcity of Indian sugars of similar grade on account of small arrivals from upcountry. As regards forward positions, there was an advance of 9, 8 and 6 annas per cwt. in December, March and September respectively which was mainly due to demand from Kathiawar Ports at increased limits and wide disparity with Java market. Business was however very restricted as holders were very firm and were prepared to sell only small quantities and wait for further developments in view of the fact that fresh business in Java was not possible at present. Besides, looking to the present statistical position of Java sugar, it is not likely that price in Java will decline in near future. During the week, no direct business was placed in Java but locally there was fair activity in the market resulting in some sales by dealers for transhipment and also for Out Ports. At the close tone was very steady.

INDIAN SUGARS.

Local market for ready Indian sugars especially for ordinary qualities remained dull with a decline of 4 annas per md. due to larger arrivals and poor offtake for these qualities. As regards Saraya and other superior crystals, market was on the contrary firm and prices of these qualities were higher by 4 annas as compared with the last week due to good enquiry for these grades, while arrivals were small. As regards forward delivery, prices were easier with a decline of 2 to 3 annas due to weakness in ready and lack of buying interest. Cawnpore market was reported to be very steady with prices about 1 to 2 annas higher than the last week. Arrivals during the week were estimated at 9000 bags and stocks at about 7000 bags as compared with 700 tons and 3200 tons at the same time last year.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

On the New York Terminal market ther was an all round advance of 7 points. Java market was reported to be very steady. Nivas are already sold out for Old Corp while exporters in Java are not prepared to sell at lower rates as they are of the opinion that Indian demand will develop in near future and business will be possible at somewhere near their limits.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI.

Calcutta market for ready Indian sugar was reported steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. There was little speculative interest and although quotations were unchanged undertone was quiet. As regards Java sugar, prices were well maintained as the holders were not willing to force sales as they consider that prices will gradually advance in view of small stocks and absence of fresh arrivals. Karachi market was reported to be steady both for ready and forward with prices practically unchanged. There was some interest in forward Java sugar but business was difficult as sellers' ideas were much above buyers indications

GENERAL

Local prices for ready Java sugar are likely to remain steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits especially in view of competition of Indian sugars of similar grades. As regards forward positions, there is every possibility of further increase in present prices as demand from Out Ports is likely to continue in the local market as long as prices in Java are above local parity.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 3/1/1940:—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. +.010 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.4 deg.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 68.8 deg.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 89.7 deg. (6.1 above normal).

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 70.5 deg. (2.6 above normal).

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 59 per cent.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 3/1/1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 77.0 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.27 inches and a compensated aneroid 30.08 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

FRONTIER LEADER SHOT DEAD

Rai Bahadur Beli Ram's Tragic End In Lahore

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

With reference to the report of Rao Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna, member of the Frontier Legislative Assembly and a prominent Hindu leader being fatally shot at last night near the Terminus Hotel on McLeod Road, Lahore, no confirmation is available.

Another report states that Rai Bahadur Beli Ram Dhawan, a prominent Hindu leader of N. W. F. Province, was fatally shot at while emerging from Hotel Terminus, Lahore.—United Press.

Post-Mortem Result

A Lahore message says:—

Post-mortem on the body of Rai Bahadur Beli Ram, who was attacked and killed at Lahore, was performed at the Mayo Hospital this morning when it was revealed that he received two bullet wounds, one in the neck and the other in the abdomen. The bullet in the abdomen was extracted.

The reward announced for the capture of the assailant has been enhanced from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000.—United Press.

BELI RAM'S FUNERAL

LAHORE, Jan. 3.

The funeral of Rai Bahadur Beli Ram Dhawab, who was shot dead on Montgomery Road last night took place this afternoon at the Lahore cremation ground. Leading citizens of Lahore and a number of officials of the Punjab and North West Frontier Province attended.

Meanwhile the assailant remains untraced. The police are continuing vigorous investigation. A special police officer has been sent to Dera Ismail Khan to conduct enquiries there.

TROUBLE AT FUNERAL

A party of 25 Hindu preachers of the Arya Samaj who were going to join the funeral of the late Rai Bahadur Beliram are reported to have come to clash with a group of Muslim students outside Bhati Gate. A free fight is said to have taken place in which sticks are also alleged to have been used by both sides. The situation threatened to take a serious turn, when some of the Muslim shop-keepers of the locality intervened. In the meanwhile, the police arrived and restored order. Two persons belonging to the Hindu Preachers' Party are stated to have received injuries. The police have registered a case for rioting and have started investigation. No arrest has hitherto been made.

The situation is at present under control. Police pickets had been stationed at all strategic points in the city.—A. P.

TONGAWALA ARRESTED

Rai Bahadur Beli Ram was about 60 years old and was one of the leading advocates of the Frontier Province having been Government Pleader for Dera Ismail Khan for several years. He was a relation of Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna, ex-Minister of the North-West Frontier Province.

A strong police force was on patrol all night looking for the assailant. A large number of places were raided and a number of people questioned. The Senior Superintendent of Police has himself taken charge of the investigations.

The victim is reported to have been shot dead while he was proceeding to the railway station in a tonga.

The victim is stated to have fallen off the tonga and was dead in a few moments.

The tongawala is stated to be in police custody. The assailant has not so far been traced.

Hindu Sabha Leaders' Statement

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3.

Dr. B. S. Moonje, Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, Mr. S. N. Banerjee, Mr. N. K. Bose, Mr. N. C. Chatterjee and Dr. Shyamprosad Mukherjee have issued a joint statement on the murder at Lahore of Rai Bahadur Beliram Dhawan of Dera Ismail Khan. In the course of the statement they state:

"Rai Bahadur Beliram Dhawan was with us only a few days ago and took prominent part in the proceedings of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha session at Calcutta. He moved the resolution on the administration of the North West Frontier Province. He was murdered at Lahore just on his return to that city from Calcutta. This fact gives the incident a special emphasis and it leads us to fear it might be pregnant with a sinister significance. We earnestly hope that Sir Sikander Hyat Khan's Government will spare no efforts to bring the culprits to justice and in laying bare the organisation, if any, behind this diabolical crime. We have no doubt that the whole of India will join in this demand."

The signatories in conclusion offer their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.—United Press.

BOMBAY HOCKEY LEAGUE

Two matches were decided in the Bombay Hockey League on Wednesday.

In the first encounter the Bombay District Police proved too good for the Telegraph Recreation Club and beat them by four clear goals, both halves contributing equally to the tally. The goal-scorers were: Santaram, Pinto, Hearne and Dettu.

The last match of the evening was a past and contested affair. Here the G. I. P. R. Headquarters accounted for the Lusitanians by a single point, scored by Hakim early in the initial half. A draw would have been an appreciated result, as the early period saw the teams share honours, with the later half more in favour of the Lusitanians. The losers did everything but score during this spell.

PARSI GYMKHANA TENNIS

The Tennis fare served up at the Parsi Gymkhana on Wednesday afternoon was interesting and things will be more so in a day or so. The best match of the series played on Wednesday was the single's tie between Sidhva and Merchant where the former prevailed after a drawn-out encounter. Another good match was the meeting of Miss K. Haji and Mrs. T. J. Rodriques, Miss Haji earned promotion 8-6, 6-3.

Results:

Men's Singles: Summerhayes beat Suvarna, 6-3, 6-0; Sidhva beat Merchant, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6; Bekkevold beat Sweene, 6-3, 6-1.

Men's Doubles: Tew and Mytton beat Prince Ghanshyamsinh of Limdi and Ruia 8-6, 6-3; Suntook and Vakharia beat Dady and Idanani, 6-1, 6-4; Rao and Hajeebhoy beat Khatau and partner, 6-3, 6-4.

Womens Singles: Miss K. Haji beat Mrs. T. J. Rodriques 8-6, 6-3; Miss Tanner beat Miss M. J. Wadia, 6-2, 6-2; Miss M. R. Kavasji beat Mrs. F. J. Maine 6-4, 6-2; Miss P. D'Lima beat Mrs. J. Mistry, 6-0, 6-2.

MATCHES FOR TO-DAY EVENING.

PARSEE GYMKHANA COURT No. 1.

F. F. Vakharia vs. A. N. Bhaierao or H. N. Dady 3-45; Ranbir Singh and Syendar Singh vs. R. K. Sanghani and N. R. Suvarna 4-30; R. C. Summerhayes and A. C. Pereira vs. P. Sweeney and S. N. Khan 5-00.

PARSEE GYMKHANA COURT No. 2.

N. V. Limaye and Partner vs. F. G. Pinto and E. N. Suvarna 3-45; D. J. Kania and Partner vs. M. Take and E. Samukawa 4-30; G. W. Owen and P. Bekkevold vs. A. J. Wadia and A. G. Idnani 3-45.

PARSEE GYMKHANA COURT No. 3.

Mrs. G. R. Genge vs. Miss I. C. Mehta 4-30; P. P. Khergaumwalla and N. D. Sethna vs. T. Brewer and M. Foster 5-15.

FIRST AVAILABLE COURT.

O. Sutton and N. E. Warner vs. M. R. Row and Partner 5-15.

HINDU GYMKHANA COURT.

M. R. Merchant and Partner vs. R. W. Cassinath and R. N. Kanga 3-45; H. J. Talyarkhan and S. J. Vakil vs. G. C. Butler and L. Butler 5-00.

Volley Ball And Basket Ball Tournaments

Entries for the Volley Ball Tournament close at 6 p.m. on the 11th inst. Entries for the Basket Ball Tournament close at 6 p.m. on 18th February 1940. Draws will take place immediately thereafter. Entry fee for Volley Ball Rs. 2 per team. Entry fee for Basket Ball Rs. 3 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up. Buck's Rules will be followed. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason, and the Tournament Committee's decisions in all matters concerning the Tournament shall be final.

Inter-University Cricket Championship

The semi-final in the Inter-University Cricket Championship Tournament for the Rohinton Baria Trophy between the Bombay and Aligarh Universities will be played on the Hindu Gymkhana Ground (Kennedy Sea Face) on the 8th, 9th and 10th inst.

The following will represent the Bombay University:—

H. N. Adhyaru (Captain), M. S. Naik, R. V. Bhajekar, V. D. Koppikar, B. R. Nagaraja Rao, S. N. Mehta, U. R. Chhippa, E. R. Adhikari, K. C. Ibrahim, S. W. Schoni and U. A. Mundkur.

Reserves:—P. W. Gupte, M. K. Mantri and M. N. Balooch.

BEAUTIES OF KANNADA LITERATURE

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a lecture on the "Beauties of Kannada Literature" was arranged in the Asthika Samaj Hall under the joint auspices of the South Indian Association and Asthika Samaj by Gamaka Bidwan, Sloka Sangeeth K. G. Sampath Kumarachar, B. A. B.T., of Mysore, under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. S. Krishnan. The function was largely attended.

Mr. Sampath Kumarachar delivered a short speech on the value of "dasara padas" and their place in Kannada literature. At the outset the lecturer explained lucidly the aim of the composers, laying particular emphasis on the religious and philosophical value of their composition. The main theme of the 'dasara padas' said the Lecturer, consisted of 'Gnana', 'Bhakti' and 'Vairagya' which he added, were dealt with by the 'Haridasas' in the simplest language. Mr. Sampath Kumarachar also pointed out the lyrical and poetical value of certain compositions by giving a practical demonstration from compositions of several 'Haridasas.'

Mr. S. R. S. Raghavan, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer of the evening and paid him, on behalf of the audience, glorious tributes for the excellent lecture and musical treat given by him. Dr. Krishnan, the President of the day, congratulated the lecturer and appreciated his musical abilities.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Cottons In Good Demand

Calcutta: Jan. 3.

Jutes revealed no fresh feature to-day and the business was almost on the same level as of yesterday. Coals were slightly enquired for, but business was somewhat restricted. Cottons were also in good demand at hardening rates. Teas were dull. In Miscellaneous speculative issues are a turn better to-day and prices were marked up at the opening, but closed slightly easier. Sugar and Paper issues were also in fair request. Government securities ruled steady.

The following are the closing quotations:—

Government Securities: 3 per cent New Loan 1963/65 87/2 s lot; 3 1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 97/12, 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 99/9 s lots; 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 103/2 s lots; 4 1/2 per cent Loan 1955/60 107/8 s lot; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 110/5 s lot; 3 per cent U P 1961/65 86 s lot; 5 per cent U P 1944 106/2 s lot.

Banks: Imperial fully paid 1307/8; Reserve Bank 106/8.

Cottons: Benares Cotton and Silk 1/4; Cawnpore Textiles 7; Dunbar Ord 240; Elgin Mills Ord 172; Kesoram Ord 7/10; Muir Mills Pref 65; Borrea Pref 114; Bur

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 9, 1996
Muslim: Jilkad 23, 1358
Parsi: Amardad 1, 1309
Hightide: 6-47, 20-35
Lowtide 0-53; 13-47
Sunrise: 7h. 13m.
Sunset: 6h. 15m.

CORPORATION STANDING COMMITTEE

The next weekly meeting of the Standing Committee will be held to-morrow (Friday) at 3-30 p.m. (Bombay Time) instead of to-day (Wednesday).

CONGRESSWADI MAHARASHTRA YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Working Committee of the said Conference will meet to-day (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Ruia College to elect its executive and discharge other business.

BHABHA HOSPITAL

The total number of patients new and old, treated in the K. B. Bhabha Hospital and the Sir C. J. R. Dispensary, Bandra, as in-door and out-door patients during the month of December, 1939 was 4,822

"F" WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE

An urgent meeting of the Council of Management of the "F" Ward District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Thursday) at 9-15 p.m. (S.T.) at the Committee's office, Wahedina Mansion, Parel, Poibavdi.

The enrolment of the Satyagrahi Volunteers has already been started. Those who wish to join the Satyagrahi Volunteers' Corps have to come to the Congress Committee's office, Wahedina Mansion, 1st Floor, Room No. 7, Parel, Poibavdi Corner, to sign the pledge and enrolment form.

MYSORE ASSOCIATION

Vidwan K. G. Sampatkumarachar of Mysore will give a reading of Bharata, the great Indian epic, in Kanada at the premises of the Mysore Association, King's Circle, Matunga, at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Thursday).

MAHARASHTRIYA ARYA SAMAJ

A public meeting will be held in the Maharashtriya Arya Samaj, opp. B. B. and C. I. Workshop, Lower Parel, to-day (Thursday) at 7-30 p.m. when Mr. H. M. Mavji will speak on: "Is Religion one or many?" and when Mr. M. H. Elmi will speak on "Universal Peace."

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND

The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 15 will meet near the Junction of Tripartite Road and Sewri New Road on Saturday (6th inst.) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time.

SAVANTWADI STATE DEVELOPMENTS

A public meeting of the Savantwadi people residing in Bombay will be held on 7th inst. at 5 p.m. at Poibawadi, Parel, Shetye Building, 2nd Floor, when Mr. S. S. Khanolkar, the President of the Savantwadi Taluka Congress Committee will address on the various political developments which have taken place during the last two years in the State.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION

A tea-party in honour of the Sydenham College Cricket XI for its creditable performance in the Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament (Rahimtoola Cup) will be held under the auspices of the Association on Saturday (Jan. 6) at 4 p.m. at its premises. Mr. Vijay Merchant will address the gathering.

CONGRESS AND MUSLIM LEAGUE—WHAT NEXT?

Under the auspices of the Congress Socialist Party and the Majlis-i-Ahrar, Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan, M.L.A., will deliver a lecture on "The Congress and Muslim League—What Next?" at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, to-morrow (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) Mr. Yusuf Meherally will preside.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

The concession allowed to commercial firms permitting use of figure group as first word in the text of commercial telegrams in plain language addressed to firms in United Kingdom is now extended to telegrams addressed to firms in other parts of British Empire also.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Rains Came". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The Rains Came." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Babes in Arms". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"On Your Toes". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"A Chump at Oxford." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Daughters of India". Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bhagva Zenda". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Aulad". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"As You Please". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Sukhacha Sodha". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' UNION

Mr. G. C. Laughton, Agent and General Manager of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, Bombay, has agreed to receive a deputation of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Employees' Union (Regd.) to-morrow (Friday), at 11 a.m. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, M.L.A., the President of the Union, will lead the deputation.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY

An ordinary monthly meeting of the Society will be held in the rooms of the B. B. Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, Bombay, on Wednesday (10th Jan.) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) Papers to be read are: (1) "Evolution of Superstition about Unlucky Days and Objects." (2) "Curious Ghostlore from Berar" by the late Mr. Sarat Chandra Mitra.

MUSIC IN CITY

Band, Indian music and radiogram performances at various Municipal Bandstands during the remaining days of January 1940 are as under:—

6th (Sat.) Esplanade Bandstand, Band.
7th (Sun.) King's Circle, Matunga, Indian music.
7th (Sun.) Victoria Gardens, Radiogram.
10th (Wed.) Esplanade Bandstand, Radiogram.
13th (Sat.) Victoria Gardens, Radiogram.
14th (Sun.) King's Circle, Matunga, Radiogram
14th (Sun.) Victoria Gardens, Indian music.
21st (Sun.) Victoria Gardens, Radiogram.
21st (Sun.) Chowpatty Bandstand, Band.
27th (Sat.) Chowpatty Bandstand, Radiogram.
27th (Sat.) Victoria Gardens, Band.
28th (Sun.) Victoria Gardens, Radiogram.
28th (Sun.) Sir P. M. Gardens, Band.

NOTE:—Band performances 5-45 to 7-45 p.m. (S.T.). Radiogram 5 to 8 p.m. (S.T.). Indian music 5 to 7 p.m. (S.T.).

The hours of performances in all cases at Sir P. M. Gardens will be 4-30 to 6-30 p.m. (S.T.)

War And India's Freedom

A book entitled: "War and India's Freedom" by P. R. Lele, is to be published to-day. Sriyut Bhulabhai Desai has contributed a Foreword. The following excerpt from the Foreword will give an idea of the book:

"The Congress has now taken vital steps as earnest of her determination to resist the exploitation of India for any imposed imperialist war, which is likely to leave India as a subject race at the end of it. The next step India would be obliged to take depends on the integrity and sincerity of Great Britain. If Great Britain pursues the present policy of maintaining the subjection of India by the policy of "Divide and rule" India is bound to struggle to regain her freedom by the path and the method which she has hitherto employed—the way of non-co-operation and a struggle based on Satyagraha. The Indian National Congress has exercised forbearance, been guilty of no impatience and now awaits the near future with keen determination.

This is the moral of the book which is now offered to the public by Mr. P. R. Lele, an experienced political thinker and a tried Satyagrahi Congressman. I commend the publication to all those who wish to understand India's attitude towards this war and to study the background of India's near future.

Governor Leaves Mahableshwar

(From Our Own Correspondent).

MAHABLESHWAR: Jan. 2.

"En route" to camp His Excellency Sir Roger Lumley and Lady Lumley, accompanied by Mr. M. R. J. B. Irwin and Aides-de-camp, left the Terraces at about 11-30 a.m. to-day by car for Ganeshkhind, Poona.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Bombay: January 3.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley dined with Mr. A. K. G. Hogg, at Mount Blanc Dadysett Hill.

BOMBAY CONGRESS ELECTIONS

Voters Must Produce Their Cards

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee have issued the following statement in regard to the forthcoming delegates' election:—

Under the Rules made by the B.P.C.C., it is obligatory for a Congress voter to produce his voting card at the time of the election. In the absence of this card, he will not be able to exercise his vote although he may be a bona fide voter satisfying all other conditions of Congress membership.

WARNING TO ENROLLING OFFICERS.

It has been brought to our notice that several Congress members, although they have been duly enrolled as such have not yet received their voting cards, although these cards have been taken away by the Enrolling Officers from the respective Congress Offices. This is a great offence on the part of the Enrolling Officers and in case these Officers do not immediately deliver the cards to their respective owners, their names will have to be reported to the Election Tribunal for disciplinary action.

TIME LIMIT FOR DUPLICATES.

According to the Rules made by the B.P.C.C., a Congress member can get a duplicate voting card if he proves to the satisfaction of the General Secretary of the B.P.C.C. that he does not possess his original card. The duplicate cards, along with the application forms to secure these cards are now ready at the office of the B.P.C.C. Those Congress members, who have not received their voting cards or who have lost their cards, should immediately apply to the B.P.C.C. for the duplicate cards. In all cases where duplicate cards are issued, the original cards will be null and void. The applications for duplicate cards must reach the office of the B.P.C.C. on or before Monday, the 8th January 1940, during office hours. No applications received after the stipulated time shall be considered.

SHOP ASSISTANTS' ACT

To Be Shortly Enforced In Bombay

The Publicity Officers writes:—

The Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, 1939, was first published in the Bombay Government Gazette, after receiving the assent of the Governor, on 2nd November 1939. Certain essential preliminaries such as the framing of rules under section 33 of the Act, the publication of the draft rules in the Official Gazette for suggestions and criticism, the appointment of Inspectors for carrying out the purpose of the Act will have to be gone through, before it can be brought into force.

Every effort is being made to expedite the completion of these preliminaries and it is expected that all this preliminary work will be completed within the next three months. As soon as this work is over the Act will come into force, in the first instance, in the City of Bombay, the Ahmedabad Municipal Borough and Cantonment, the Poona City and Suburban Municipal Boroughs, the Poona Cantonment, the Sholapur Municipal Borough and the Hubli Municipal Borough.

PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU ADDRESSING POLITICAL WORKERS AT LAJPAT RAI BHAWAN, LAHORE, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

FREEDOM THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE

Satyagrahi Volunteers' Pledge

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has issued the following Satyagrahi Volunteers' Pledge and Enrolment Form to its different District Congress Committees:—

SOLEMN PLEDGE

With God as witness I solemnly declare that

(1) I wish to be a Satyagrahi Volunteer attached to the B.P.C.C.

THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE

(2) I recognise that the most effective way of gaining our freedom is through non-violence.

India has gained strength and self-reliance and marched a long way to Swaraj following peaceful and legitimate methods, and it is by adhering to these methods that our country will attain independence.

I pledge myself to the Independence of India and solemnly undertake to carry out non-violently the struggle for freedom till Purna Swaraj is attained.

(3) I believe that non-violent action in general and preparation for non-violent direct action in particular, require successful working of the constructive programme of Khadi, Communal Harmony and Removal of Untouchability, and to that end I shall seek every opportunity of spreading goodwill among fellowmen without distinction of caste or creed.

(4) I shall spin regularly and use for my personal requirements nothing but khadi, and so far as possible products of village handicrafts only, and endeavour to make others do likewise.

(5) In short, I pledge myself to disciplined observance of Congress principles and policies and to keep in readiness to respond to the call of the Congress, whenever it may come, for carrying on the struggle for the Independence of India.

(6) I shall carry out the instructions of my superior officers and all the regulations not inconsistent with the spirit of this pledge prescribed by the B. P. C. C. or the Working Committee or any other agency established by the Congress.

(7) I am prepared to suffer imprisonment, assault or even death for the sake of my country without resentment.

(8) In the event of my imprisonment, I shall not claim from the Congress any support for my family or dependents.

These forms are being duly filled in and submitted. Some of the Seva Dal volunteers have also signed this new pledge and enrolment form.

TRAINING

A training class for Officers will be started by the B.P.C.C. After completing their training these Officers will be assigned to the various wards in the city for training the volunteers.

The Seva Dal Volunteers and the other volunteer corps in the City are preparing for the Independence Day. It is expected that nearly a thousand volunteers will participate in the Independence Day celebrations on January 26.

Model Grain Shops For City

Scheme Of Price Control Committee To Combat Profiteering

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A scheme for the opening of 19 "model" grain shops in the first instance in the city of Bombay has been drawn up by the Consultative Committee for Price Control and the Government is expected to give effect to it in the near future. More shops will be opened in due course, so that each Municipal Ward will have at least two shops.

MORE SUB-COMMITTEES

The Consultative Committee had a number of sittings during the last week when proposals in connection with price control were examined in detail. The Committee is likely to examine at its next meeting the general principles to be adopted for the fixing of maximum prices for important commodities.

Three sub-committees to advise the Consultative Committee on the various problems involved in its work have been appointed. The Organising Sub-Committee will prepare a scheme for and organise the "model" grain shops to be opened in the city. The Purchase Sub-Committee will advise the Controller of Prices with regard to the purchase of grains. The Price Sub-Committee will advise as regards the fixation of maximum prices for the commodities to be controlled.

		Rs.	as.	p.
		Per paylee		
Rice Rangoon (small mill)	.....	0	5	1
Rice Mandla (husked)	..	0	5	9
Rice 'Europe	.....	0	5	3
Rice Jirasal	.....	0	6	9
Pattni Bhadas	.....	0	5	3
Wheat Khandwa	.....	0	6	9
Wheat Pisi	.....	0	5	2
Bajri Ghati	.....	0	5	3
Jowari Sholapuri	.....	0	4	7
Gram Punjabi	.....	0	5	9
Gram Dall	.....	0	6	6
Tur Dall	.....	0	7	7
Moog Dall	.....	0	10	9
Udid Dall	.....	0	10	9
		Per pound		
Gram Flour	.....	0	1	0
Jaggery (Gul)	.....	0	2	2
Sugar (refined)	.....	0	2	5
Tea	.....	0	8	0
Sweet Oil 1/2 seer (40 tolas)	.....	0	2	3
Ghee	(pound)	0	12	11
Bar Soap Flower Brand (1 bar)	.....	0	3	5
Bar Soap Tata—501 (1 bar)	.....	0	4	3
Cocoanut Oil 1/2 seer (40 tolas)	.....	0	2	7
Salt (white)	(paylee)	0	3	0
Chillies (dry)	(pound)	0	3	4

Arrangements have been made to ensure that the quality of the articles sold is better than what the workers have been purchasing elsewhere so far.

MILLOWNERS' LEAD

Cheap Grain Shops For Workers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Effective steps for relieving the hardships of mill workers due to the soaring of prices of important commodities have been taken by nearly 50 mills in the city of Bombay on the lines of a scheme suggested by the Millowners' Association. A cheap grain shop where all important commodities are sold at pre-war prices has been opened by each mill. The remaining ten mills will follow suit within a few days. The shops give credit to the worker up to 40 per cent. of the wages earned. The prices in all the shops are uniform. Printed price lists in Marathi have been put up in each shop so that the customer is able to know the exact rate at which he can purchase the commodities. The following are the retail prices at which the following commodities are sold:—

Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

The festival holidays saw a crowded programme throughout the suburban area. The important function that was well patronised was the annual New Year's Dance on the tennis courts of the Willingdon Gymkhana, Santa Cruz, wherein no less than 1,800 people joined in the fun of bringing in the New Year. Dancing continued right up to 4-30 in the morning.

On New Year's day the other important functions were a Christmas Tree and treat at the Bandra Gymkhana, which was followed by dancing and a variety performance by the Water Lads' Dramatic Union of Bandra on the sands of Chapel Road. A thousand people attended.

As the suburban public are getting cinema-minded the urgent need is now felt of a night bus service.

KEPT FROM HIS BY SCIATICA

Sailor Who Could Hardly Walk For Pain

NOW ACTIVE AGAIN ON KRUSCHEN SALTS

This old sailor had to give up the sea. Rheumatism had so crippled him that he could only make his way about on land with pain and difficulty. Here he tells how a friend introduced him to a remedy which made him perfectly fit for the hard seafaring life again within a week:

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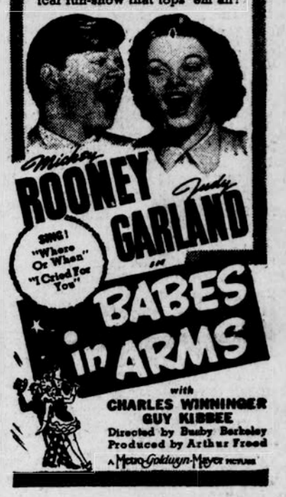

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INDIAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

It was observed by a wise man long ago that economics was a dismal science. Since those words were uttered, the science of economics has passed through various vicissitudes. It reached its zenith a few decades ago, when its protagonists were looked upon as the sole saviours of humanity The Great War and its disastrous aftermath saw its gradual decline until it reached its nadir in the world slump and since then economists are groping blindly in a morass, when they are not frankly serving like Dr. Schacht as the willing handmaids of aggressive political ideologies. During the last two decades particularly the world has been treated to innumerable economic nostrums, many of which have proved singularly ineffective to cure the ills from which humanity is acutely and chronically suffering. Most of us realise to-day that economists are no more able to control the trends of world economy than are astronomers to check the flow of tides. The old definition of economics thus becomes all the more dismal in its meaning and a gathering of economists hardly creates any enthusiasm beyond the immediate circle of its learned and well-meaning participants This is not to decry economics or, much less, its exponents but to view the latter's work in the proper perspective. It is, therefore, extremely heartening to note that economists themselves are becoming keenly alive to this fact, as is seen from the appeal made by Professor Amarnath Jha in his speech of welcome at the All-India Economic Conference, which began its annual session at Allahabad on Tuesday. He emphasized that it was not possible to disentangle the various arts and sciences dealing with human life each from the other and to treat any one of them as an independent, unrelated unit,—as, it may added, many economists were too much inclined to do in the past.

The Gandhian Way

It follows as a logical corollary from this that while what are known as certain laws of economics prove generally true, their truth is not absolute and self-evident like that of the laws of physics. It is based rather on the essentially biological needs of man which have remained constant. Otherwise, man is no more an economic than he is a political animal. Doctrinaires and those who are in a hurry to reform the world generally forget this fundamental fact and try to force their pet medicines down the unwilling throats of people Much of the conflict and suffering of this world can be traced to this. Creed follows creed in quick succession the prophets and messiahs are adored and forgotten one by one while humanity progresses falteringly from epoch to epoch with most of its ills uncured! Dr. L. C. Jain observed in his presidential address at the Conference: "Nationalism has proved to be a curse; internationalism, so desirable in itself, seems impossible of achievement; capitalism is creeking and breaking; communism or even socalism is at present discredited." This is, indeed, a depressing survey, though it is hardly true to say that socialism has been discredited. As Pundit Jawaharlal, who rightly expressed dissent with the views of Dr Jain on Socialism, said: "Socialist economy only would bring proper distribution of goods they produced. Political democracy to succeed must be accompanied by economic democracy. Without economic democracy, political democracy had, indeed, failed. Economic democracy could be ensured only by some form of Socialism which involved economic distribution." Dr. Jain asks: "Is there no way out?" He himself provides the answer or rather points to the path, the well-trodden path of the Gandhian philosophy. Says the President of the Indian Economic Conference: "Mahatma Gandhi's message of non-violence and Charkha, if its implications are but fully understood, may yet be found to contain in it the seeds of a happy future for humanity.' This tribute, coming from a person of the political detachment, academic achievements and scientific outlook of Dr Jain must make each one of us pause and think. But, as Pundit Jawaharlal said, big industries were necessary to protect small village industries "Unless we had big industries to supply the needs of the country," he added, "we could not impose high protective duties against foreign products for the benefit of small industries."

A Great Opportunity

While the President of the Indian Economic Conference may thus be said to have only discovered an ancient truth anew as far as his central theme was concerned, he has made a number of practical suggestions which deserve the closest scrutiny of the Governmtn. as well as of public workers. The scheme of an Agricultural Improvement Trust, presented by Dr. Jain, is as timely as it is well thought out Already the various agricultural departments of the Provincial Governments are doing much of the work suggested in the scheme. But a Central Improvement Trust is an obvious desideratum for the purpose as much of correlating the labours that are already being undertaken as of accelerating them. The Trust will operate as a central agricultural laboratory and as a clearing-house of information and ideas. A National Institute of Economic and Social Research has been a crying need for very many years. The paucity of economic and industrial statistics in India is notorious. It may be suggested in this connection that Government should be urged to utilise the forthcoming census for this purpose. Reports are current that the scope of the census will be seriously curtailed on the grounds of war economy. It is a most short-sighted and penny-wise-pound-foolish view to take and it would be, indeed, advisable to postpone the census altogether than to bring out its abbreviated edition. The opportunity, if lost now, will not recur for another decade and we hope the Conference will get in immediate touch with the Government of India over this matter. Dr. Jain struck another timely note when he made a plea for utilising the present international situation for the abiding interest of India. It is literally a golden opportunity for the advancement of Indian industries but long-range thinking and careful planning are necessary if our efforts are to yield lasting benefits. The National Planning Committee, which has already collected considerable valuable information, should lose no time in making its findings and guidance available to the public. It may, indeed, go further and call a small conference of economists, industrialists and financiers to chalk out an immediate programme of action. It is true that nothing really great can be done in the way of economic planning until India wins political power. But, even if the Government of India do not help, a beginning may be made through popular effort.

New Peace Offensive?

A few days ago there was a report, attributed to the Free German Radio, to the effect that Marshall Goering was working in Germany and abroad for a change of leadership in his favour with a Hohenzollern as the puppet head. He was credited with a programme constituting a more or less nominal revision of the status of Bohemia and Moravia and curtailment of relations with Russia. The Rome correspondent of the *Petit Parisien* now sends a revised if elaborated version of the story according to which Herr Hitler would be promoted President, Goering assuming the post of Chancellor. The rest of the programme is fundamentally the same, the general idea being to win over the West with the bribe of a "civilised", anti-Russian Nazi Germany. There may be some truth in Marshall Goering's activities—possibly even with Herr Hitler's connivance—because the Nazis are beginning to realise that it is virtually impossible to win this war. It may be that this realisation has grown keener by reason of a certain amount of disillusionment as regards the economic and military possibilities of Russia. Finally, the compromise reported by the correspondent of the *Petit Parisien* will suit Signor Mussolini splendidly.

But it does not really improve matters at all. There is no guarantee of any justice to Poland and Czecho-Slovakia. What is worse, Hitler and Hitlerism will remain unliquidated—a danger to world peace. The temptation of isolating Russia is, of course, quite attractive to Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier. But if they are not cynically to betray the very aims for which they profess to have gone to war, they cannot accept Goering's compromise. The reports, however, are really no more than an attempt at intelligent anticipation. The Paris journal itself warns against it. And Herr Hitler has afforded an answer in the shape of the technicians and military advisers whom he is sending to the help of his harassed friend. Hitler, however, is capable of every kind of sudden treachery and, while, so far he has shown no anti-Russian tendency, he may yet betray Russia if promised a substantial *quid pro quo*.

Price Control

(By CIVIS ROMANUS)

It is a sad and remarkable commentary on our present state of existence and our deplorable lack of social conscience that, since the outbreak of the European war, while various vested and parasitical interests have been clamouring in the press to seize the opportunities created by the war to restrengthen Indian industries, very little has been written by both the professional and amateur economists to stress the basis of industrial development or its bearing on the conditions of the population of our province and country.

The Congress Ministry, during this period, adopted certain tentative but prompt and effective measures to deal with artificially manipulated movements in the commodity markets and dealt with the situation that had developed with salutary firmness. It is extremely deplorable that little has been done since to maintain the spirit of this executive action based primarily on the solicitude for the condition of the people consisting largely of an impoverished agricultural population and an army of petty wage and salary earners along with a small minority of "rentiers," industrialists and middlemen (collectively described as Business). The response to this action was spontaneous and gratitude and satisfaction were expressed in all quarters including those of the political opposition where every act of the late Congress Ministry was interpreted as prompted by its solicitude for certain vested interests of property and business.

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The present Government has since established a Price Control and outlined also tentatively a line of action along which the work of the Control is to proceed in collaboration with the Consultative Committee already appointed and the sub-committees proposed to be established by this Committee and manned, it appears from the statements published both officially and unofficially in the press by 'experts' and interests of the commodity trade in a greater proportion. That Government have recognized the need of bringing into existence this control machinery is a matter of conditional satisfaction. But from the statements so far published of the policy that the control is charged with pursuing, one is not quite so sure that the interests of the consumers and particularly of the large population of the small wage—and salary—earners are adequately safeguarded.

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Government possess, under the extraordinary measures introduced by the Central Government on the analogy of the "Defence of the Realm" enactments in Great Britain, sufficient powers to deal with the incidence of profiteering of a character that can be described and proved as artifically manipulated in the interests of those who control the commodity markets for the profit of a class; and it is the duty, of the Government to use these powers to their full extent in protecting the people against the attack on their standard of living —an attack that is one-sided as, if the apologia of natural price-rise were acceptable, the wage level has not proportionately increased.

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The Price Control from our experience of this war institution is a measure possessed of definite limitations. While the present control differs from that of the last Great War in certain important features, it is possible for Government, with the employment in a manner in which they are meant to be powers to extend its scope with the object of stabilizing prices in an equitable manner.

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It may be recalled that the Congress Ministry had combined exemplary firmness inspired by the desire to safeguard and protect the interests of the people with adequate consideration of the factors of price movements inter-connected as they are with the reaction on the interests of the agricultural producers and the buying-power of the masses This equilibrium should be maintained at all times if widespread misery are to be avoided and alleviated and the control are to succeed in its "raison d'etre" although we may readily admit that, like the last War control it would sooner or later take up the task of distribution and transport of stocks and raw materials, internal and external, in accordance with the needs of the war.

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In the absence of satisfactory or adequate social insurance or legislation in the matter of the economic condition of the people stringent action is called for on the part of Government to control profiteering. Most of us live from hand to mouth. We have no margin of saving. We are ill-nourished, badly housed and denied amenities of big civilised existence to which. I insist, we must have access. Are we represented on the Price Control in proportion to the trade interests which means persons who are responsible, directly or indirectly, for rise in prices of human necessities?

The War's First Casualty

By Arthur Calder-Marshall

LONDON, (By Mail).

Many to-day recollect the pregnant saying that Truth is the first casualty in war.

However that may be, the great Press of this Empire carries to-day a high responsibility, to give the anxious millions fearlessly all the truth which it can obtain. Now to London are coming the Empire's papers from all the earth's corners, covering the first months of the war. It is fascinating to analyse and weigh the differing trends in each quarter of the globe—to trace the blatant or subtle forces at work moulding public opinion.

One item catches my eye. The Ministry of Information quotes with approval an editorial in a West African paper, a paper rightly cited for its championship of democratic advance for Africa. Says this editorial "If the Indians should be well advised, they should be more practical and follow the moderation of Gandhi.. With or without Congress and the Moslem League, the Empire will not sit down and see Hitler win. Will the "state-your-policy" Nationalist be content not to share in the glory of victory?"

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Here in a nutshell is one of history's tragic ironies. For years the leading Negroes of western Africa have feared that their rulers might hand over parts of that land to Hitler. For years writers like myself have laboured to second the efforts of the Negro peoples to prevent this. To-day, those rulers coolly use this very freedom-loving, democratic urge among West Africans against that urge in mighty India (doubtless hoping that Africans will forget the "Times's" prophecy of "centuries" of European rule for them).

I am irresistibly reminded of H. G. Well's recent remarks, speaking of the world propaganda he organised for the Government in the last war: "The work I did was done in absolute good faith, and the gist of the business is that we, who lent ourselves to propaganda, were made fools of and ultimately let down by the traditional tricks of the Foreign Office."

To-day the same forces are at work. Wells goes on ,indeed: "Most of us know that this time the propaganda activities are going to be much intensified, they are going to be far more cunning and elaborately misleading than ever before."

Now already we see the fruits of this propaganda. In that short passage, Gandhi's "moderation" is posed against the "impracticality" of Congress. Yet in fact, of course, Gandhi is Congress's loved and acknowledged leader—as long as he leads them towards freedom. And it is he who demands a freely elected Constituent Assembly to frame India's future constitution.

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Again, whatever the course of India's many-millioned Hindus and Muslims, the Empire will not "sit down and see Hitler win." Yet as many of Britain's leading papers and spokesmen have pointed out, how could Britain win against Hitler while coercing India? And, further, it becomes daily clearer that Hitler has already lost the war, clamped in the vice of the Western Powers and the Red Army.

Final irony is the gibe at the "state-your-policy" Nationalist.

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Frankly Speaking

Blow To Nazis

If all that is said about the economic value to Germany of the Danube, then Rumania's latest action has dealt more than a "serious blow" to the Nazis. Owing to the Allied blockade the Balkans had assumed a vital importance for Germany with the Danube as the channel of communications. And among the Balkan countries, Rumania is the most important. Eighty per cent. of Rumanian oil—and Germany has only two sources of oil supply, Rumania and Russia—and all cereals were exported to Germany by the Danube. And Rumania has suspended for the rest of the winter permits to navigate the river. This means that but for a single track railway through Hungary, Germany is now cut off economically from her main sources of vital supplies. Russia is the next source. But what with transport difficulties and her own entanglement with Finland she is not able to render Germany—according to Allied reports, though—more than one-fifth of the help which the Nazis expected. Altogether, Germany's difficulties are rapidly increasing.

Humiliating If True

The Berlin correspondent of a Danish paper reports that M. Stalin has asked Germany for the services of 200,000 technicians engineers and experts to reorganise Russian economic life, especially the transport system. The figure may be exaggerated but the truth of the appeal need not necessarily be doubted because Russia does require the help of foreign experts. There is, however, another report which, for Russia's sake we do hope, is quite untrue. It alleged that M. Stalin has appealed to Herr Hitler to lend him German military advisers who had fought with the Finns against Russia twenty-years-ago. Whatever the result of the Russo-Finnish war—there ought not to be much doubt that the Russians would win sooner or later unless, of course, Britain and France and other countries are able effectively to help Finland—the much-advertised Red Army has already met with surprising humiliation. But if it were to beg for German experience in order to beat the Finns, it would be the crowning humiliation of all.

Opportune Suggestion

The suggestion made by the general secretary of the Congress to all Provincial Congress Committees to establish four separate departments for publicity, contact with minorities, uplift of the Harijans and the popularisation of Khaddar respectively is very opportune. The Working Committee has recently called upon all Congress organisations to keep themselves in readiness for all eventualities and to utilise the present lull in the political situation to foster discipline in Congress ranks. Mahatma Gandhi, too, is insisting, through the columns of the "Harijan", on the fulfilment of the triple programme which has been before the country for the last twenty years, as a condition precedent of the launching of any civil disobedience movement. The creation of independent departments, each with a definite goal and well-thought-out plan of action before it, will be immensely useful for constructive activities and for the consolidation of the Congress hold upon the masses. The latter, for example, must be enlightened upon the objective and implications of the Constituent Assembly not merely for the attainment of our political independence but also as a solvent of communal jealousies and quarrels.

Students And Congress

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose did not lose the opportunity of having a fling at the Congress and the Congress demand for a Constituent Assembly when he presided over the Delhi session of the All-India Students' Federation. His "revelation" about the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee having applied twice for permission to launch direct action fails to impress us, for the Committee has clearly shown in recent months that it does not care much for discipline and loyalty to the parent organization The resolution on the war and the Independence Day passed by the Students' Federation followed more or less the lines laid down by the Congress. An amendment to the resolution on the national struggle which sought to criticise the present Congress leadership was lost by a majority.

Congress And Mill Industry

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Writing in the "Harijan" under the caption "Spinning Wheel v. Mills", Mr Gandhi writes, "the problem before every Congressman is now to displace mill cloth whether foreign or indigenous." He further exhorts all Congressmen to believe "that the indigenous factory mills had to be and could be replaced by the 'charkha' and the handloom." One is amazed at this pronouncement which implies that if Mr. Gandhi had his way, the mechanised textile industry of this country would be abolished in order that the village spinners and weavers might come into their own. Mr. Gandhi may as well advocate the abolition of railways, aeroplane services and motor cars in order that the bullock cart may come into its own. The Congress Ministries have again and again professed their concern for the development of large scale industries so that India may become self-sufficient and a Committee presided over by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is functioning for evolving a plan of industrial and economic development in the country. One would like to know what the Congress leaders think of this latest pronouncement of Mr. Gandhi. At any rate, those engaged in the mill industry, which is at present the outstanding industry of India and specially of this province, are entitled to know whether the Congress Ministry, if and when it comes back to power, would work to attain the goal laid down by Mr. Gandhi, of suppressing the mill-industry of this country Will any of the ex-Ministers of Bombay answer?—Yours etc.

CHIMANLAL H. SETALVAD.
Bombay, Jan. 3, 1940.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, January 3.

In response to an appeal from Stalin Germany has sent a military mission to Leningrad to aid the Russians in their fight against the Finns, states the "News Chronicle" correspondent in Amsterdam.

Stalin's request was for the assistance of German officers who had fought with the Finns during the war of liberation of 1918, and these form the bulk of the mission.

It is stated that the German War Office had considerable difficulty in persuading these men, who 21 years ago fought alongside Mannerheim, now to turn against him.—Reuter.

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Some Bombay Muslims are reported to be arranging a concert in aid of the Anatolian Turks.

An infinitely better method—from every point of view financial and otherwise—is to arrange an address by the Qaid-e-Azam on—

"What Exactly I Do Really Mean".

Thousands, in fact, lakhs will flock to the meeting and gladly pay for the information.

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His Excellency Sir Henry Craik describes Governors as the divine *Deux Ex-Machinas* of the Greek dramatists.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah at least wholeheartedly agrees.

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We learn from London's appreciation of the Palestine situation in December that "despite the fact that there remains some propaganda on pro-Mufti lines, the relations between the people and the Government are more cordial".

We hope the Qaid-e-Azam in India and his followers are both gratified and relieved.

Why not a Day of Deliverance from the Mufti who has caused so much inconvenience and embarrassment to the Muslim League?

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BENGAL CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Dr. Prasad Asks For Explanation —Headlines.

The Bengal Congress, we bet, will reply by asking for a counter-explanation. Deshgaurab ki jai!

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The All-India Students' Federation Convention which is meeting at Delhi has rejected all amendments and resolutions proposed in criticism of the policy and plans of the Congress Working Committee.

If only President Bose had known before he accepted the invitation!

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Herr Hitler has approached Il Duce with a particularly gushing New Year's message.

Il Duce being no less an expert in the game has answered the Fuhrer in his own coins.

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By the way, it's a long list of heads of States whom Herr Hitler honoured on January 1.

Countries conspicuous to note are: Holland, Switzerland, Turkey, China, Japan, the U. S. A. and Latin Americas. They were deprived of the honour.

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The German Ambassador has protested to the Uruguayan Government against the internment of the "Tacoma".

At the same time, thanking in his own mind, the authorities for thus saving the ship.

Socialism Solves World's 'Ills'

"CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM IS DEAD"

Jawahar's Plea For Co-ordination Of Large-Scale And Cottage Industries

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 3.

PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU ADDRESSING THE INDIAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE TO-DAY SAID THE MAIN PROBLEM BEFORE THE WORLD WAS THE PROBLEM OF DISTRIBUTION. UNLESS THIS PRESSING PROBLEM OF DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH OF THE WORLD IS SATISFACTORILY SOLVED, THERE COULD NOT BE ANY HOPE FOR A PLACE IN THE WORLD.

Pandit Jawaharlal said, it was dead certain that capitalistic system was ending. It would be ended by the end of the war. What would take its place, he could not say.

After the last war, a new socialist system had emerged in Russia. That had fascinated them. Many things had happened however, which caused feelings of disillusionment among the people.

RUSSIA'S EXAMPLE

Pt. Jawaharlal, however, expressed his firm view that Russia had evolved her economic structure in the right way. It did point the way to the solution of the fundamental problem of facing the world. India could not blindly follow all details of the Russian system, as variations are needed due to the differing conditions of two countries but the essential thing was unless we solved the distribution problem in some form like Russia, all their efforts would go to the wall.

Pt. Nehru expressed his dissent with the views on Socialism expressed by Dr. L. C. Jain, President of the Conference in his presidential address.

Dr. Jain had said, Socialism has not proved a successful solvent of world's difficulties. Pt. Nehru however asserted that the economic foundations of Russia were sound. Socialist economy only would bring proper distribution of goods they produced. Political democracy, to succeed, must be accompanied by economic democracy Without economic democracy, political democracy had indeed failed. Economic democracy could be ensured only by some form of Socialism which involved economic distribution.

EVEN IN GERMANY

Pt. Jawaharlal said, even in Germany, the capitalist system is breaking up under the stress of circumstances. Besides, in the belligerent countries, even in war, there has begun a gradual development of State control over industries, transport, etc.

Pt. Jawaharlal pleaded for cooperation between political leaders and economists and for correlation of economics with other sciences.

Pt. Jawaharlal said, their efforts were hampered by many illogical things which upset their applecart.

Pt. Jawaharlal compared life to a curve. Men's logical minds often got off at a tangent from curves of life but these tangents came back again. Politicians often lost sight of more fundamental aspects of life in dealing with their day-to-day problems. His own mind was very much troubled by reason of all manners of difficulties, the country had to face in realising her ideals.

The capitalist system reached a stage where it could not survive. But during the last 20 years, an attempt had been made to go back to the capitalist system. The conflict was thus inevitable. They had again arrived at the end of the age of culture or civilization. Whatever you might call it the Capitalist System is dead or dying. Any attempt to revive it will mean a fresh conflict.

NATIONAL PLANNING

Pt. Jawaharlal referred to the activities of the National Planning Committee, said, although India certainly needed more of production, the Committee specially laid stress on distribution. They had enough vested interests in India, European and Indian. They had no desire to increase these vested interests any more. It would be folly to do so. The Committee did not desire to create fresh barriers in the development of an economic democratic State in India. They had to face political difficulties. Their schemes could not be enforced unless India had political and economic freedom. They must have power to deal with vested interests and not be dictated by them.

COMMITTEE'S TIME TABLE

The National Planning Committee hoped to produce its report by June next. Pt. Jawaharlal gave a rough time table of its work also in March, the sub-committees were expected to submit their reports in the first week of April. The Committee might decide on major issues. Six weeks later, it might consider a draft report. In June, the report will be published.

Pt. Jawaharlal referred to the conflicting theories of improving village industries and big factory industries.

Pt. Jawaharlal maintained it is impossible to attain high standard without full blooded industrial section of the country. He was a product of the Machine Age. He loved machinery, bigger machinery more. He loved it, he wanted to be lord of machinery, not its servants. He did not see why man could not master machinery and allow machinery to master man.

Pt. Jawaharlal said curious as it might sound, big industries were necessary to protect small village industries. Unless we had big industries to supply the needs of the country, we could not impose high protective duties against foreign products for the benefit of smaller industries. Pt. Jawaharlal agreed however that village industries too had to play an important part in the economic life of the country. They had to cater to the needs of the masses, but big industries are essential for defence services in the country. No country could do without industrialisation, nor could it be free or independent without it.

Pt. Jawaharlal, therefore, pleaded for the co-ordination of big industries with village industries.

Concluding Pt. Jawaharlal appealed to economists not to treat economic problems with a swing of complacence but come to serious grips with them. They were on the border of revolutionary changes.

PRICE CONTROL CONFERENCE

Provincial Govt. & Indian States To Participate

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

The Price Control Conference consisting of the representatives of the Government of India, Provincial Governments and Indian States is due to meet on January 24 and 25. It is expected to consider steps to check rise of prices and examine the question whether central and provincial spheres of price control should be defined.

Dr. Gregory, Economic Adviser to the Government of India, has prepared a ten page memorandum on price control policy which has been circulated to Provincial Governments and commercial bodies and which will probably be discussed at the conference.

DR. GREGORY'S CONCLUSIONS

The memorandum sets out five conclusions which are explained in detail. The conclusions are as follows:—

It is expedient to recognise as a principle of price fixing the necessity of having recourse to "replacement costs";

The doctrine of "constructive importation" whether in the narrower or wider sense is not under war conditions a sufficient warrant for allowing prices in India to rise to a calculated "import parity";

With regard to exportable produce, it is not in general desirable to interpose obstacles to a rise in prices; subject however, to two general qualifications which may develop out of the war situation:—Firstly, so long as internal prices of things, which the cultivator buys, do not rise in a still greater proportion, the cultivator's margin of free cash resources expands; it becomes easier to collect land revenue and other dues: and he will probably spend more. This increase in the prices of exportable produce is to be welcomed as a general principle. Secondly, what is being advocated is not a demand that price of agricultural produce should be reduced, but that rise of prices should be halted, if thereby social discontent can be avoided. When it cannot be avoided, even the interest of the cultivator must give way to the paramount interest of the State in the successful prosecution of the war.—A. P.

Eire's Fight Against I. R. A.

De Valera Demands Special Powers For Summary Processes

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.

Mr. De Valera asked the Dail to approve measures giving Government emergency powers "for securing public safety and preservation of State in time of war." Special precautions were taken against demonstration or disturbance but there was little excitement.

Mr. Boland, Minister for Justice, placed before the House the Emergency Powers Amendment Bill which asked for powers to intern persons suspected of activities against the State. Mr. Boland added that Government was satisfied that people connected with an illegal organisation possessing large sums of money and arms and explosives were engaged in hostile activities, but they were unable to get sufficient evidence in every case to convict.

The Government were satisfied that large sums of money had come from America for the I.R.A. and they had captured packets of American dollars.

BOMBS & EXPLOSIVES

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Boland referred to an illegal organisation possessing large sums of money and added that in Drogheda area, classes were conducted to teach men to make explosives and bombs. He was satisfied that no fewer than 150 men were engaged in looting the Phoenix Park Depot.

Mr. Boland declared that sometimes it was said that I. R. A. intended to raid Northern Ireland and sometimes they intended to bring off a coup in Dublin. "We cannot say what their intentions are but we want to get hold of the arms and ammunition which they have got and keep these people under lock and key."

Mr. Boland added that Government were convinced that powers of internment were absolutely necessary.

SPECIAL SESSION

A special session of the Dail met to-day and is expected to have an all night sitting to deal with Government's request for emergency powers including power to intern person suspected of activities against the State. Mr. Cosgrave moved an adjournment of consideration of the Bill until the Government had introduced a Bill to amend the Constitution. —Reuter.

DE VALERA PLEADS FOR COMMUTATION

DUBLIN, January 3.

Mr. De Valera has made representations to the British Government in regard to the sentences of death passed on December 14 on two Irishmen on a charge of murdering a girl, one of five victims of an explosion at Coventry on August 25.

This is disclosed in a letter from Mr. De Valera read at a meeting to-day at Middleton (County of Cork), Urban Council which previously adopted a resolution urging Mr. De Valera to request commutation of the sentences to penal servitude for life. —Reuter.

More Stolen Ammunition Recovered

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.

About two and a half tons of ammunition, believed to have been stolen from Phoenix Park were discovered by the police in Northern Ireland hidden in a field.

The total recovered now is approximately 23 tons out of a total of 28 tons stolen.—Reuter.

Miss Mitford At Folkstone

LONDON, January 3.

Miss Unity Mitford arrived at Folkestone this afternoon. Lord Redesdale was waiting at the quay with two cars, one of which was an ambulance. Miss Mitford was expected to arrive yesterday. —Reuter.

Attlee In France

(Somewhere in France.)

January 3.

Mr. Attlee arrived at Lord Gort's headquarters and is visiting the forward area inspecting front line defences to-day accompanied by Lord Gort.—Reuter.

COMMUNAL PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED

Nawab Of Chattari Not Satisfied With Congress Attitude

LUCKNOW, Jan. 3.

"The communal question in this country is not an illusion but a reality. It is not of the creation of the Secretary of State or any Viceroy, but it is the result of our mistake and it is for us to solve it," declared the Nawab of Chhattari in the course of a statement in which he expresses disappointment in the recent resolution of the Congress Working Committee.

He says while the Congress Working Committee wants to achieve independence first and then settle the communal question, the minorities want the latter question to be settled first "They (the Minorities) want to be in a position to visualise as to what would be the place of their own community and class in the Free India of to-morrow."

The Nawab Saheb adds: "In this connection the Convocation address delivered by Sir Maurice Gwyer at Benares is worthy of consideration by every Indian. The so-called democratic constitutions are in existence both in Germany and Russia, but do they allow freedom to non-Nazis and non-Communists in their own countries? The reply is a definite negative. If this is the position in Germany and Russia today, is it strange that the Muslims and other minorities in India insist on the solution of the communal problem as a condition precedent to any future change in the constitution, and the British Government agrees with them?

The Nawab Sahib says: The demonstrations of December 22, all over the country should serve as an eye-opener to the Congress leaders, and particularly to the Congressmen, who held the reins of Government in their hands during the last two and half years.

Not only the Muslims, but members of the Scheduled Castes, the Parsi community in Bombay and Lahore and the Justice Party in Madras, joined with the Muslims on that day.—A.P.

NO CONTROL ON FARM PRODUCE

NAGPUR, Jan. 3.

The first meeting of the provincial Price Control Board was held here to-day.

After general discussion on the question of control of prices, it was agreed that there should be no control on the prices of agricultural commodities at the origin, but the policy should aim at cutting down middlemen's profits. —United Press.

PRESIDENTS & DEPUTY PRESIDENTS

Their Salaries Not Affected

The Publicity Officer to the Governor of Bombay, writes:—

The President and Deputy President of the Bombay Legislative Council, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and the members of both Chambers of the Legislature continue to be entitled to the salaries and allowances attaching to their offices.

These payments to them have not been affected as a result of the proclamation issued by His Excellency the Governor assuming the administration of the Province.

BENGAL P. C. C. PLACES Rs. 10,000 IN SUBHAS' HANDS

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at its meeting on December 30, the Executive Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee have, it is stated, already placed a sum of Rs. 10,000 in the hands of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, requesting him to deal with the amount "as judiciously and as cautiously as possible."

The resolution which was adopted to this effect stated that in view of the uncertain atmosphere in the country and in view of the approaching crisis, it was necessary to safeguard the funds of the B. P. C. C. It was simultaneously necessary, according to the resolution, to provide adequate funds for executing the present and future programme of the B. P. C. C., and the Council, therefore, resolved as an emergency measure to place Rs. 10,000 in the hands of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.—A. P.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Admiral Brownrigg is appointed Director of Greenwich Hospital.—Reuter.

ANGLO-DUTCH TRADE TALKS

Problem Of Contraband Control: Hopes Of Agreement

LONDON, Jan. 3.

The Netherlands Trade Delegation which had recently been discussing commercial questions arising out of the war with British authorities is shortly returning to London after spending the Christmas in Holland, "Reuter" learns in official circles.

It is hoped that an agreement may eventually be concluded on similar lines to that between the Allies and Belgium and affecting import into Netherlands of materials regarded as contraband, but nevertheless destined exclusively for Dutch consumption.

It is believed that the trade between the Netherlands and the Netherlands Colonial Empire will be in a position to visualise as to what would be the place of their own community and class in the Free India of to-morrow.—Reuter.

CONGRESS EXECUTIVE MEETING

CALCUTTA, January 3.

The Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has, it is learnt, enquired of members of the Working Committee whether January 15 will be a suitable date for the next meeting of the Committee.—A.P.

SOVIET-FINNISH FRONT

(Continued from page 1)

grounding the Soviet bombers and screening all objectives of attack behind an impenetrable white curtain. While the weather remains thus, a big-scale attack is believed to be impossible.

High Finnish officers declared that according to their views the Russians would be forced to abandon for the present their plans to smash through the Mannerheim Line.

The Correspondent learns on good authority that at least 400 Russian tanks were destroyed and 150 'planes brought down by the Finns since hostilities began.

GREAT BATTLE ON SALLA FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 3.

Copenhagen:—A great battle raged throughout the night on the Salla Front, where the Red Army is trying desperately to break Finnish lines, but hitherto without result. The Finnish army is operating in small groups, each of which is fighting Russian units numbering thousands. Observers in Helsinki say that the Finns biggest enemy is lack of rest and if help does not arrive fatigue rather than the Russians may cause them to give way.—Reuter.

ON EVE OF GREAT BATTLE

LONDON, Jan. 3.

"Reuter" despatches from Stockholm and Copenhagen agree that a great battle is about to be fought at Salla. Indeed the latest news reaching Copenhagen from Helsinki states that the battle is already raging. Russian prisoners taken in the Karelian Isthmus state that part of huge reserves recently brought up have already been thrown into the battle on that front.

Finnish officers at Viborg opine that Russians must abandon plans to smash Mannerheim line for the present owing to a fierce blizzard raging in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

RUSSIA CALLS UP MORE RESERVISTS.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.

The Wireless states that Russia has called up more reservists, especially men with technical training.—Reuter.

GERMANY TO SEND MILITARY HELP TO RUSSIA

LONDON, Jan. 3.

In response to an appeal from Stalin Germany has sent a military mission to Leningrad to aid the Russians in the fight against the Finns, states the "News Chronicle" correspondent in Amsterdam.

Stalin's request was for the assistance of German officers who had fought with the Finns during the war of liberation of 1918 and these form the bulk of the mission.

It is stated that the German War Office had considerable difficulty in persuading these men, who 21 years ago fought alongside Mannerheim now to turn against him.—Reuter.

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RIBBENTROP TO GO OUT?

Dorothy Thompson Predicts Change In Nazi Regime

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.

The prediction that 1940 will bring purges in Germany is made by Dorothy Thompson, writing in "The Herald Tribune." She forecasts that Herr Ribbentrop will be among the casualties and also forecasts that the Nazi regime will encounter the strongest opposition from women and farmers during the year.—Reuter.

Warships Strike Houses In Belfast

LONDON, JAN. 2.

SIX SHELLS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM WARSHIPS ENGAGED IN FIRING PRACTICE STRUCK HOUSES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF BELFAST BUT NO INJURIES ARE REPORTED.

IN ONE INSTANCE A SHELL BURST THROUGH THE FRONT WALL INTO A HALL, THEN PIERCED ANOTHER WALL INTO THE SITTING ROOM HITTING A COUCH ON WHICH TWO GIRLS WERE SITTING. THE COUCH WAS FLUNG ACROSS THE ROOM BUT NEITHER GIRL WAS HURT.—REUTER.

THE WAR'S FIRST CASUALTY

(Continued from page 6)

For not the least noble passage in the Congress manifesto was the demand that the entire Colonial Empire should share in the democratisation demanded by these times. And what could surpass the morality of the Congress position than that they cannot bid their multitudes to plunge into slaughter, without the clearest guarantees that this suspect Tory Government's aims are indeed constructive, and not a repetition of the evil futilities of the last war and the last "peace."

No one who knows the record of the paper quoted above and of the courageous leaders of Negro Africa, can doubt for an instant their desire to lift their people and the world out of the disaster into which our "statesmen" have plunged us all. In fact, they are being used as decoys to draw their people towards the guns. For just as diplomacy could have prevented the war, so to-day it could at any time end it on the basis of an overwhelming east-west bloc against aggression. The Nazi colonial threat is already dead as the dodo, from the angle of real, rather than "Chamberlain", politics.

All the more, then, must I pay my involuntary tribute to the Government's propaganda, which manages to turn such fine forces to its own questionable ends.

SHANTARAM REVEALS HIS MIND

Reported by K. A. ABBAS

The scene is the little projection theatre in Prabhatnagar, Poona. Twenty journalists, representing English, Gujarati, Marathi and Urdu press of Bombay, sit around the room in informal attitudes—on the carpet, relaxing on easy chairs, smoking, eating fruits, chewing betel nuts.

In the centre sits a sharp-featured, modestly dressed, man who is the target of a volley of questions hurled from every corner of the room. The journalists are on the war path. Producer-Director Shantaram—alert, keen, intelligent—meets the challenge, sportingly, good humouredly and yet without the least trace of hesitation or reserve. The questions are candid, almost brutally candid and the replies are crisp, short and pointed. It is a battle of wits and no quarters are being asked or given.

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"What is your definition of a good artiste?" A critic sets the ball rolling.

Shantaram sits up with an amused glint in his eyes. "Every man or woman is a good artiste—a born artiste—His or her success in a picture depends upon the type of role given to him or her."

"You mean to say that even I can act well in a picture!"

"Certainly you can and I would be very happy to offer you a contract if in my next picture there is the sort of role that I have in mind for you." (Laughter).

Supplementaries follow in quick succession.

"Do you know certain first rate artistes are dying to work under a Director like you?" "Why don't you give them a chance?" "Or is it that you want to take only 'raw material' and not already established stars?"

Now we have caught him! That is what we feel. Shantaram allows the whole volley to be fired. Then replies.

"I know certain good artistes would like to work with me. On my part I am only too eager to have them in my pictures. But before selecting the artistes I select my stories and then find the most suitable persons for various roles, whether they are already established or quite raw I got Leela Chitnis for "Beyond The Horizon," Durgabai Khote for "Amar Jyoti" and Ram Marathe for "Admi." In future, too whenever I find a suitable role for them I will try to get the top-notch artistes, even if I have to borrow them from other studios."

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Someone goes at a tangent.

"What do you think about pictures in provincial languages."

Another one follows up with. *"Don't you think we ought to have pictures only in Hindustani?"*

"I think Hindustani pictures are essential for the evolution of a national language. I was very glad to hear that our pictures have helped many South Indians to learn Hindustani. But at the present time pictures in provincial languages do one good thing: they create interest in cinema among vast masses of people in rural areas who thus become film-minded and the market for Indian pictures is consequently increased."

SHANTARAM
showing Ram Marathe just how to do that "tea-cup dance" in "ADMI!"

"What is the correct term—Hindi or Hindustani?"

"Hindustani."

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Now we are getting closer to more vital issues. Why not ask a question that would completely reveal this man Shantaram's mind?

"What is a good picture?"

There is a tense silence as Shantaram mentally weighs the words.

After all it is no ordinary question. Even whole books have failed to give a satisfactory answer.

"What is a good picture?"

"A good picture" he replies after a slight pause, "is one that takes our society or nation a step towards progress, makes us understand human problems and supports the cause of social justice. I don't believe in Art for Art's sake. I believe Art must be used to serve the people. At the present stage of our national development, it is all the more necessary that our pictures ought to be progressive."

"Do you think that after India gets Swaraj," puts in a wag, *"we can be allowed to have pure entertainment in films?"*

Pat comes the reply. "All our social and economic problems will not be solved by the mere attainment of Swaraj."

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A spate of questions follow on the importance of film criticism and the true functions of a film critic.

"My pictures are not perfect and I value criticism as it helps me to improve my further work. Critics are as important as producers, directors or artistes. But criticism must be intelligent and impartial and it need not be destructive. Don't 'kill' the pictures outright. At the same time, indiscriminate praise doled out for commercial ends is no good. Criticism by reputed critics of papers with good circulation certainly influences the box-office."

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From an 'omnibus member' comes an omnibus question.

"What is the percentage of relative importance of these elements in the success of a picture—Story, Direction, Performances, Technique and Publicity?"

"Hundred per cent. Each of these factors are of equal, and utmost, importance." A smart reply, characteristic of the keen and ready wit of Shantaram.

A volley of supplementaries evoked this elucidation:

"Relatively, the story is of primary importance. That is the heart and the soul of the picture. But (with a modest blush) how are people to know a good story unless it is properly 'put over' on the screen by a competent Director."

How true. How true!!

Gohar symbolizes the unfortunate Achhut woman of India in the Ranjit picture at Opera House.

The "Achhut" Stars!

By Our Film Critic

Few pictures ever produced in India have boasted of such a conglomeration of 'stars' as Ranjit's "Achhut" at the Royal Opera House.

The main role is played by GOHAR who, after a few years' absence, makes a most welcome return to the screen. Emotional roles have always been Gohar's forte and as Lakshmi in "Achhut" she gets full scope for her talent. The story requires her to pass through a gamut of emotions—the carefree, irrepressible, young woman brought up in a rich family; the revulsion caused by the sudden revelation that she is the daughter of an Achhut and must live among them; the growing realization of the pitiable plight of the Achhuts and her ultimate complete identification with the cause of her down-trodden brethren. She goes through these phases with appropriately rising pathos and lends to the characterization a warm human quality which transcends the purely visual appeal of the glamour queen. We ought to see more of Gohar if she can manage to get suitable roles written for her.

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MOTILAL (who appeared as a Brahmin in "It's True") makes a most convincingly natural Achhut. His characteristic unaffected simplicity is deftly moulded into the rugged 'naivete" of an oppressed son of the soil, illiterate, elemental in his emotions but touchingly human in his strange and hopeless love for his own wife who, brought up in an atmosphere of cultured luxury, is mentally far, far removed from him. It is a small role but histrionically it is perfect. Motilal may regard it as his bit done in the service of the untouchables.

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In the supporting cast, I think SITARA has given the most perfect performance. She has the natural nerve and unaffected grace of a working class girl and the ease with which she rattles off colloquial Gujarati is amazing.

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Charlie, as the wily, cowardly *pujari*, is equally good. It is the sort villainous-cum-comic of role which he can play so well.

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MAZHAR, as the millionaire who is forced to adopt an Achhut orphan girl and to bring her up as his own daughter, is suitably cast and, as usual, makes a likeable picture of plutocratic helplessness.

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Rajkumari who had suffered an eclipse since she left New Theatres gets an appropriately subdued role in this picture. It is doubtful, however, if the Chandra of "Devdas" will ever return!

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Vasantee makes an attractive, a little too smart, Achhut girl. Her mastery over a wide range of expressions is still amazing and she sings with an increasingly melodious voice.

K. A. ABBAS.

JOURNALISTS TO VISIT RANJIT STUDIO

Sardar Chandulal Shah has invited all members of the Film Journalists Association to visit the Ranjit Studios on Sunday the 7th instant at 1-30 p.m. when they will have an opportunity to exchange views with the executives, directors and prominent artistes.

Laurel-Hardy Comedy At Broadway

"Blockheads" revived this week at the Broadway, Dadar, begins with a giggle and ends with guffaw! Here are Laurel and Hardy at their funniest.

In this Hal Roach-M-G-M comedy the comedians revert to their former formula—an abundance of new gags, familiar mannerisms, devastating situations and a dizzy tempo.

ON SATURDAY

Kanan-Najm At Krishna

"Ghazi Salahuddin" At Imperial

Two new pictures will be launched on the local screen on Saturday—"Jawani Ki Reet" at Krishna and "Ghazi Salahuddin" at Imperial.

"Jawani Ki Reet" is New Theatres' first offering for 1940. Co-starring for the first time Kananbala and handsome Najmul Husain in what is described as a smart modern muscial melodrama, this picture has been eagerly awaited. Kananbala was last seen in "Sapera" and Najmul Husain in "Kapal Kundala". Others in the cast include Nemo and Jagdish.

STORY OF THE THIRD CRUSADE.

"Ghazi Salahuddin" is Supreme Productions' second effort, the first one being "My Eyes".

Directed by Hafesjee, with dialogues by the well-known Punjab playwright, Hakim Ahmad Shujaa, "Ghazi Salahuddin" is said to have been produced on an elaborate scale. It is based on the history of the third crusade and, besides Sultan Salahuddin, another historical character that appears in the picture is Richard (the Lion-Hearted).

The cast includes Ratanbai ("Yahudi ki Larki"), Ghulam Mohamed, Mazhar Khan, Ishwarlal, Lalita and Yaqub.

BULLOCK CART RACE FILMED

Sixty bullock-carts and the co-operation of an entire village in Gujerat have made a spectacular bullock-cart scene for National Studios' second production "Woman", which is being directed by Mehboob with Faredoon Irani at the camera.

Director Mehboob's unit has started shooting at Palsana and the opening scene of the picture showing the bridal procession was taken amidst the cheers of hundreds of villagers. The bullock-cart race which is a novel feature of the film turned out to be a real race, the spirit of competition having been injected by the Director actually offering cash prizes to the winners. There were 60 carts in all, and the three prizes which were given away on the spot were deservedly won by three stalwarts who won the race.

THE ACTOR AND THE PHILOSOPHER

As a friendly gesture to the United States the late President Masaryk once invited Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford to spend a week-end with him at Lana, his official country seat outside Prague.

Masaryk, the father of Czecho-Slovakia, was a great man, a profound philosopher, but he was lacking in what is called small talk, and when he and his two guests strolled round the beautiful Lana Park on the Sunday afternoon the conversation rather languished. In order to enliven matters Douglas vaulted over a bench and the octogenarian President performed the same feat; Fairbanks then walked for a while on his hands, and to his amazement the philosopher without a moment's hesitation showed that this too was among his accomplishments. Finally as the conversation between them displayed no sign of improving, Fairbanks balanced a cigar on his nose or chin—the accounts vary,—and Masaryk with a laugh acknowledged himself beaten.

ROSE (and not Shobhana Samarth as reported earlier) is to be starred in India Artists' maiden picture "Bahurani." Opposite her will appear Kishore Sahu.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL: "Admi" Prabhat production: India's greatest picture of the year starring Shanta Hublikar, Shahu Modak. No intelligent cinegoer dare miss it. (17th week). At 4, 7, 10 p.m. Zanana Show every Thursday, 1 p.m.

IMPERIAL: "As You Please". Sudama's maiden offering. Starring Sabita Devi and Motilal with Vasantee and Mazhar Khan. Excellent comedy. Should be seen. (Ninth and last week). At 4-15, 7, 10 p.m.

KRISHNA: "Aulad". Film Corporations' production, featuring Ramola Devi, Gyani, Rajendra and Muzammil. Sentimental melodrama with popular appeal, (Fifth and last week). At 4, 7, 10 p.m.

MAJESTIC: "Bhagwa Zenda", (Marathi) Saraswati's historical picture featuring Londhe, Chandrakant, Ratnamala, Sheelavati, etc. (Fifth week). At 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

MINERVA: "Pukar", Sohrab Modi's screen achievement reviving the old Moghul glory. Featuring Naseem, Chandra Mohan and Sohrab Modi. Very popular. Should be seen. (22nd week). At 4, 7, 10 p.m.

JAYSHREE and DANVE
in a scene from Saraswati Cinetone's "Mazi Ladki" coming soon to Majestic.

OPERA HOUSE: "Achhut". Ranjit's purposeful picture with a message, starring Gohar, Motilal, Vasantee, Sitara, Mazhar, Charlie, etc. (In Gujarati). At 4, 6-30, 10 p.m.

PATHE: "Daughters of India". Featuring Anuradha, Ashiq Husain, etc. Sentimental melodrama, glorifying the "ideal" "Hindu wife". (Second week). At 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.

PLAZA, (Dadar): "Sukhacha Shodha". (Marathi). At 4-15, 7, 10 p.m.

ROXY: "Kangan". Bombay Talkies' latest. Starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar with Mubarak, V. H. Desai and Saroj Borkar. Interesting, sentimental melodrama. Some good songs. Should be seen. (Tenth week). At 4, 7, 10 p.m.

APPLE ORGY

It probably will be a long time before Ginger Rogers needs to eat an apple to keep doctors away.

The titian-haired star was forced to consume twenty apples during the shooting of an important sequence, a Central Park vis-a-vis with Walter Connolly, in RKO Radio's "Fifth Avenue Girl," in which she is starred. Various angle shots, close-ups and extra "takes" accounted for the quantity of fruit Miss Rogers was required to eat.

As the last shot was completed, Producer-Director Gregory La Cava remarked.

"Well, I certainly got square with Adam."

SHANTA HUBLIKAR IN A SCENE FROM "ADMI," THE PRABHAT PICTURE IN 17TH WEEK AT THE KRISHNA.

JANOSIK IN NORTHERN INDIA

"Janosik" and "China Strikes Back," imported by China Aid Progressive Film Committee were successfully exhibited in Lucknow and Cawnpore. As a result a permanent body for showing such progressive pictures has been formed in these cities. At present "Janosik" is being exhibited at Calcutta, where a number of foreigners are co-operating to make it a success.

Some of the members of the staff of India Artists, Ltd., photographed on the day the new production unit was inaugurated.

GARBO SINGS! GARBO DANCES! GARBO LAUGHS!

Garbo sings, Garbo laughs, and Garbo laughs in her first picture in two years and her first venture into sophisticated modern romantic comedy. The picture is "Ninotchka".

Teamed with Melvyn Douglas, who also played opposite her in "As You Desire Me", Garbo was directed by Ernst Lubitsch. Many whimsical "Lubitsch touches" enliven the story.

Garbo dances ultra modern swing with Douglas, sings a French chansonette with the three commissars and introduces a new "Garbo" hat to the world of fashion.

NEW THEATRES CHIEF IN BOMBAY

Sir N. N. Sircar and Lady Sircar and Mr. B. N. Sircar, New Theatre's chief, arrived in Bombay on Wednesday and left for Poona from where they will be back on Saturday.

They are the guests of Mr. Mamoojee of Calcutta Film Exchange.

BILLIE BURKE VOTED FAVOURITE ACTRESS OF CHILDREN

For the first time in her long and varied career, Billie Burke finds herself selected as the favourite actress of children.

"Nothing that has come to me, either on the stage or screen, can compare with this honour", Miss Burke said.

It was Miss Burke's role as Glinda, the Good Witch, in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Wizard of Oz", which made her the children's favourite.

Miss Burke has started a flood of "Good Witch" fan clubs, conducted by youngsters. To meet demands for photographs of her as Glinda, she has had to order 5,000 portraits.

RATANBAI and YAQUB
in "Ghazi Salahuddin" coming to Imperial on Saturday.

MUTT AND JEFF—Anyway You Figure It, the Eskimo Showed More Judgment Than Most Fighters By BUD FISHER

LOOK! LOOKA THAT! UNKA'S GETTIN' INTERESTED ALL BY HIMSELF! THAT'S GOOD!
HE'LL BE A FIGHTER YET!
I ALWAYS SAID, NEVER FORCE ANYBODY TO DO SOMETHING THEY DON'T WANT TO DO!
?
POW!
THE PUNCHIN' BAG OUTBOXED HIM, MUTT!
PHOOEY!

CHINA'S GUERILLA INDUSTRIAL CO-OPS.

Burma Delegation Visits Mobile Factories: Unique Spirit Of Old & Young

(From Our Correspondent).
CHUNGKING, Dec. 16.

The Burma delegates visited one co-operative factory making soldiers' blankets, a printing co-operative and machine shop and two others. The intelligent use of the simplest local materials made a deep impression on them. As they remarked their first impression of the weaving co-operative that it was primitive. However a closer study showed that though only wood and bamboo were used in the construction of looms, yet the design had many of the technical devices of modern engineering and the product turned out by weaving methods was most satisfactory.

The healthy and happy appearance of the workers in the co-operatives was stressed by Mr. Ganga Singh, who pointed out that the physical conditions of these Chinese workers seemed better than that of any factory workers in India or Burma.

U Ba Lwin expressed hope that the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives might exchange experiences with rural co-operative workers in Burma as the problems of the two countries were very much similar and such exchange of experiences could be helpful to both. He also suggested that in country and small town districts where the co-operatives were working, it might be beneficial if the Wardha System of Education advocated by Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru through a craft such as spinning and weaving was promoted.

MOBILE DOCTRINES

From the guerilla industrial co-operatives the delegates turned to the mobile factories operated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs. They visited the Iron and Steel Plant which was removed from Shanghai, a Wire Nail factory and Rolling Mill. The vegetable oil cracking plant attracted more attention. Erected by the National Resources Commission of the Ministry of Economic Affairs the plant uses Szechwan vegetable oil for producing gasoline and kerosene. They also visited a private concern, the Yu Fong Cotton Mill, which has been removed here from Chengchow in Honan Province with its 52,000 spindles and its own power station. Honan workers both men and women, also marched further inland.

UNIQUE SPIRIT

At a dinner at which Deputy Director Chang Li-sheng of Political Affairs Department acted as host U Ba Lwin remarked: "During our short visit in Chungking in last five days the more we see the more we admire and respect the Chinese people." Among other things he endorsed the New Life Movement which is vital important, true and simple, not only beneficial to Chinese but also applicable to all other peoples. He said he was greatly impressed with the spirit of co-operation among the Chinese. The aged and young here are harmoniously working together—the youths retain their traditional respect for the old and the aged are tolerant towards the young—a spirit unique in China and that spirit augurs well for the new nation that is to come. Earlier he remarked "as ambassadors of goodwill, peace and international friendship, we are not against the Japanese but we oppose the war which has made a sick and sorry world of ours. Against a warning not to be deceived by Japanese propaganda U Ba Lwin replied the people of Burma were not so devoid of intelligence to swallow such propaganda.

Sad Commentary On Educational Progress

Radhakrishnan On Teaching Use Of Gas Masks And Underground Shelters

POONA, Jan. 1.

"Education is a potent means for the regeneration of fallen nations like India, and it is education based on rich traditions of the past adapted to the needs of the present day society, which is the only solvent of our present deplorable conditions in India", said Dr. Sir S. Radhakrishnan, vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University and Spalding Lecturer of Oxford University, addressing a large gathering of educationists, on the Kabutarkhana grounds this morning on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the New English School, Poona, and the opening of the new buildings of the Ramanbag Branch of the School.

D. E. SOCIETY CONGRATULATED

Sir S. Radhakrishnan congratulated the D. E. Society on conducting the school "with a deep spiritual faith in the regeneration of the soul of India". "It was with this living faith and vitality of truth attained by their disciplined lives", he said "that the inaugurators of the institute founded the School, and many such other public institutions in Poona, which are the indications of national renaissance. These institutions, he added, led the way to the regeneration of India. The pioneers were inspired by vital faith in the soul of the country and dedicated their lives with great sacrifice for noble causes. They had realised that education was not a means to be harnessed to worldly purposes, but was an end in itself.

PURPOSE OF EDUCATION

The purpose of education, observed Dr. Radhakrishnan, was to train man to live a spiritual life of his own, and develop as the highest embodiment of the supreme source of life. Education must equip man with the qualities necessary for a civilized life. It was a sad commentary on the educational progress of man, that he is required to be taught to use gas-masks and underground shelters, rather than to develop brotherly unity and creative co-operation. There has been good deal of talk about social, political, legal and economic freedom. Each one of these kinds of freedom has to be sacrificed in times of national crisis, but the spiritual freedom of the human individual was the supreme thing which man must not be prepared to sacrifice. He must be taught to preserve the sanctity of his soul. A teacher is he, who not only informs but also radiates power and transmits spiritual freedom. When the youth of a country loves comfort and ease, the country retreats from the stage of history; but when they learn to live in spiritual freedom, the soul of the nation is revived. Educational institutions have to perform this task of preparing the youth for this purpose.

Sir Radhakrishnan hoped that the institute would grow up in size, number and influence and may continue to contribute to the national regeneration.

PHOTOS TRANSMITTED BY PHONE

Novel Invention By American

A method that permits sending over ordinary telephone wires coloured photographs of fine detail, free from streaks and distortion and which can readily be enlarged after they have been received, has been developed by William G. H. Finch of Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y. This is indicated in a patent awarded to the former Federal Communications Commission engineer, who now is head of Finch Telecommunications, Inc., of New York City and noted for his developments in facsimile transmission, says a Washington message to "The New York Times."

The inventor asserts that by his invention newspaper services would be permitted to transmit economically to remotely scattered points, comic strips, coloured advertisements and coloured copy. The invention utilizes the conventional black-white facsimile system such as used in wire-photo service, and may be readily carried out over telephone wires without physical connection thereto.

The coloured photo is first broken down into three elemental prints, blue, red and yellow. Three black-and-white negatives are made of these prints, which are then pasted with their axes in parallel on a sheet. The sheet is placed on a drum which is rotated. As the drum rotates, the negatives are successively scanned by an "electric eye" line by line transverse to the parallel axes.

Electrical signals corresponding with elemental shading of the prints are generated, amplified and passed through a coil. The electro magnetic oscillations generated by the coil which correspond to the signals are passed through the coil of the telephone box and thus transmitted over the line to the receiving station. Here three prints are formed by scanning a magnetive, the scanning device being controlled by the picture signals from the transmitting station.

The three prints are cut out, superimposed upon one another with the scanning lines parallel and overlapping.

In this way a coloured photo is obtained free from distortions and lines. The inventor says it can be enlarged four times and still retain fine detail.

INDO-JAPANESE TRADE TALKS

Non-Official Advisers Called To Meet At Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

A number of non-official Advisers in the Indo-Japanese trade negotiations have been called to meet here on January 9 and 10.

It is presumed that the proposals put forward by the two Governments for a new trade agreement in place of the existing one will be placed before the Advisers and their opinion on them invited.—A. P.

INSURANCE LEGISLATION IN INDIAN STATES AND BURMA

Indian Merchants' Appeal To Govt.

Mr. J. K. Menta, Secretary, Indian Merchants' Chamber in the course of a communication to the Secretary, Department of Commerce, states:—

The attention of my Committee has been drawn to the fact that after the passing of the Indian Insurance Act, various Indian States have introduced similar legislation in their territories. As a matter of fact, in the States of Mysore, Travancore, and Kashmir and Jammu such legislation has already been placed on the Statute Book, while in certain other States it is under discussion or in progress. Such legislation, 'inter alia' requires deposits of prescribed amounts in State securities or in other approved form and imposes various other obligations on insurers transacting business there, but established in British India or outside the State Territory concerned.

Whatever may be the political relationship between Indian States on the one hand and British India on the other, it has now been recognised that for purposes of trade and commerce, geographical India has to be deemed as one unit and inter-provincial trade barriers or difficulties must be completely removed.

The same remarks apply to Burma also.

In this connection, it has also been pointed out to my Committee that the Indian Insurance Act would have to be amended in certain respects to facilitate such negotiations and to permit reciprocal arrangement between British India on the one hand and Indian States or Burma on the other.

My Committee further suggest that the power of exemption under section 116 of the Indian Insurance Act be enlarged and be extended to section 16 for returns by Insurers established outside British India and Section 64 for books to be kept by Insurers established outside British India.

My Committee are mentioning these only as instances of directions in which the Indian Act may have to be amended with a view to facilitate reciprocal arrangements between British India on the one hand and the Indian States or the Government of Burma on the other, so that Companies registered in British India may be allowed to transact business in such territories without being obliged to conform to the requirements imposed in regard to foreign insurers.

Indian Statistics Conference

Value Of Statistics In National Planning

Giri Sets Task For Indian Graduates In Their Drive For Rural Uplift

MADRAS, Jan. 3.

"The essence of planning is an advance on all fronts. Statistical data have to be collected and compared with a view to measuring the progress of any plan from time to time. Thus the development of statistical work will be necessary to keep pace with the development of national planning", observed Mr. V. V. Giri, ex-Minister for Industries and Labour to the Madras Government, in the course of his speech as Chairman of the Reception Committee at the 3rd Indian Statistical Conference which commenced its session here to-day at the Senate House under the presidency of Prof. Hotelling, American Statistician of the Columbia University.

His Excellency Lord Erskine, the Governor of Madras, opened the Conference.

Continuing Mr. Giri said: "As former Minister of Industries and Labour I had to deal with important economic problems and I have felt that this is an age when statistics in all walks—whether industries, labour or commerce—will play an important part.

VAGUE THEORIES.

"In these days vague theories and arguments adduced on any important problem will be of no use unless buttressed and proved by reliable statistics. Whether you want to build up labour policy or have a cut and dried industrial planning, collection of statistics must be undertaken; and without such statistics there is bound to be uncertainty as to the facts on which the conclusions are to be based. It is further necessary that periodical statistics relating to all economic questions should be compiled in all provinces and preferably on an all-India basis. It is but right therefore that legislation should be adopted both by the provincial and central legislatures, enabling competent authorities to collect information from sources where they are available. Recommendation to this effect was made by the Indian Economic Enquiry Commission, 1925, and by the Royal Commission on Indian labour.

RURAL ECONOMY.

"India is pre-eminently an agricultural country and the hope of the country lies in improving agriculture as its primary industry. Cottage industries ought to be developed so that they might provide a subsidiary occupation to the villagers. It is useful, therefore, if students after graduating themselves spend at least six months in practical application of their studies for the advancement of rural economy. They should work under the guidance of the Department of Economics and batches of students should be entrusted with the collection of statistics relating to the different aspects of village life, and they should be expected to send a report of the work done by them both in the theoretical and practical aspect of agricultural and industrial possibilities in the villages in which they have been asked to work. This post-graduate course should be made a condition precedent for securing the degree or diploma. This will result not merely in producing graduates, but graduates with a training to face the realities which would help their future."

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

MADRAS, January 3.

"So far as India is concerned, the advance in the theory and practice of statistical methods has not long passed the stage of infancy. The general public as a whole, still view the collection of statistics with a very jaundiced eye. The householder, large scale agriculturists and the employer of labour lament or vehemently object when presented with demands for statistical information. It would be interesting to know whether even statisticians themselves chafe on being presented with forms to fill up at census time" declared His Excellency Lord Erskine, Governor of Madras, opening the third Indian Statistical Conference at the Senate House, this morning.

Professor Hotelling, Economic Statistician of the Columbia University, presided at the conference.

Mr. V. V. Giri (a former Minister of Madras), Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcomed His Excellency and the delegates. Among those attending the conference were Prof. Mahalnobis of the Statistical Laboratory, Calcutta, Prof. K. B. Madhava Rao of the Mysore University, Mr. A. C. Mukherjee, Statistical Officer of Baroda State and Prof. Mahomed Hussain of Hyderabad.

Continuing His Excellency said: "But, for all that we must have facts and figures. No efficiency by planned progress in the economic field is possible without them.

ECONOMIC MALADY

"In this disturbed world of ours today, we are faced with an incontrovertible fact. It is that the present day Economics seems to have outrun our ability to regulate and control them, or even to sort accurately the perplexing and infinitely complicated economic relationships between one nation and another or among various interests within the same State. Over-production, unequal distribution of goods, cycles of depression and such like phenomenon are but symptoms of an economic malady. Its causes must be diagnosed and suitable cure devised".

His Excellency said that it was in this that the statistician and his studies were of most vital importance, and concluded: "I would repeat that we need more data and the most scientific use of such data. The growth and movement of population, effect of taxation and regulation on the industry, etc., are all susceptible of such a statistical analysis as will, if the results be properly co-ordinated, provide only solid basis for national and international planning".—United Press.

RS. 25,000 FOR INDIAN LASCARS IN ENGLAND

Viceroy's Allotment From War Purposes Fund

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

H. E. the Viceroy has allotted a sum of Rs. 25,000 from his War Purposes Fund to a fund which has been opened in London for providing comforts for Lascars and other Indians detailed in Europe as a result of the war.

The Chairman of the Fund is the Dowager Lady Chelmsford. Sir Firoz Khan Noon, the High Commissioner for India, Lord Lloyd and Lord Zetland are Patrons.—A. P.

"ONLY ORGANISED FORCE IN ORISSA"

Governor's Tribute At Police Parade

ANGUL (Orissa), Jan. 2.

"In your dealings with the public good temper is essential, whether in your day-to-day work or when called upon to perform more unpleasant duties that your profession demands. Honesty is required to be maintained by all servants of the State, and a desirable quality, by those who are not State servants," observed His Excellency Sir John Hubback, Governor of Orissa, addressing a Police parade at the Constables Training School, Cuttack, yesterday.

His Excellency was glad that the Orissa Police Force had shown extraordinary courage in past years, and opined that, it being the only organised and armed force of the Province, "the need of a high standard of discipline is obvious." His Excellency exhorted: "Maintain a high standard of honesty in the force to which you belong. It is necessary not only to be honest oneself, but to establish the best possible traditions throughout all ranks."

His Excellency wished successful career to the new recruits.—United Press.

CONCERT IN AID OF TURKISH RELIEF

Bai Munnibai To Present Classical Music

It is understood that some prominent public workers of the Muslim community are forming a Committee of influential Muslims to raise a fund for the sufferers from the terrible calamity in Anatolia.

In this connection Bai Munnibai, the well-known exponent of Indian classical music has agreed to perform at a concert which is being arranged in aid of the fund. Details will be announced later.

Finances Of State Railways Look Up

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

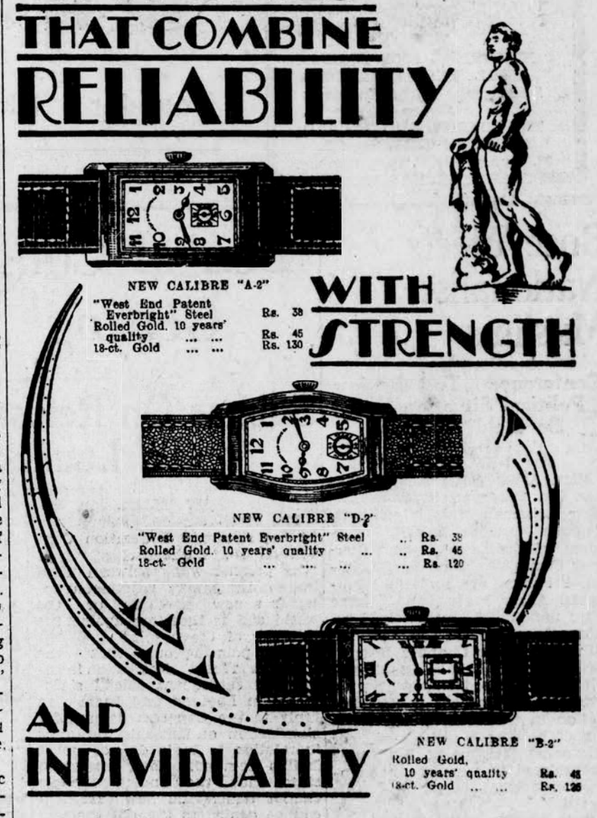
Indian State-owned Railways are maintaining the increase in their earnings. During the ten day period ending December 20 they earned Rs. 299 lakhs or Rs. 33 lakhs more than during the corresponding period of the previous year. From the beginning of the financial year the earnings amounted to Rs. 67.59 crores or Rs. 131 lakhs more than the actuals for the previous year.—A. P.

Meetings Of Select Committees

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

It is learned that the Select Committee on the Arbitration Bill introduced in the Simla Session of the Central Assembly will meet here on January 26 and the Select Committee on the Indian Trade Marks Bill on February 2.—A. P.

WATCHES THAT COMBINE RELIABILITY WITH STRENGTH AND INDIVIDUALITY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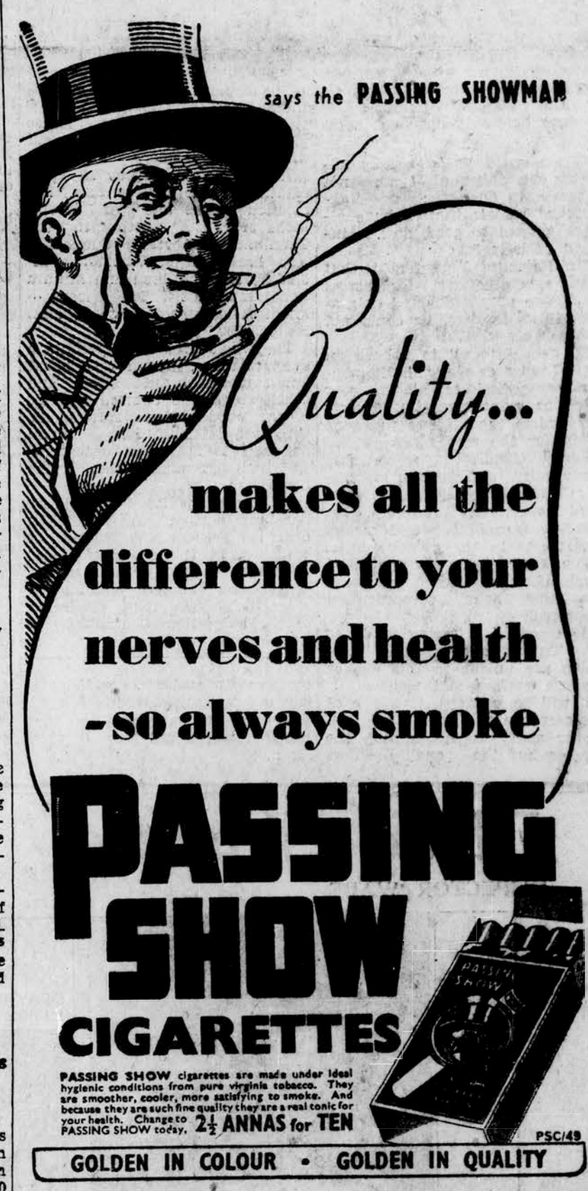
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Bose Meets Nationalist Muslims

Conference To Review Political Situation Will Be Held At Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

Mian Akbar Shah from Peshawar, Dr. Satyapal, Maulana Habibur Rahaman from Ludhiana, Maulana Nuruddin Behari, President of the Delhi District Congress Committee, Maulana Samiullah, President of the Delhi Provincial Ahrar Party and some other nationalist Muslims held an informal conference this morning with Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose at the residence of Lala Shankerlal.

It is understood that, after a review of the present political situation in the country, the question of holding a conference of nationalist Muslims at Delhi was reconsidered in view of some opposition evinced earlier in this regard.

It is further understood that the reception committee of the conference will meet on January 5 to fix the date of the conference.

Maulana Nuruddin Behari, convenor of the conference, states that they have decided to hold the conference as early as possible.—United Press.

"HAVE FAITH IN YOUR GENERAL"

Rajen Babu's Advice To Congress Workers

WARDHA, January 1.

"Learn to have faith in your General, Gandhiji if you wish to win your battle" declared Dr. Rajendra Prasad while addressing the Nagpur Provincial Congress Workers' Wardha Camp, this evening before it dispersed after ten days.

"I am criticised for blindly following Gandhiji but I am not ashamed to do so, as my experience reveals that I have always gained a good deal, instead of losing".

Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that Faith was necessary for success as—if one always doubted or suspected the Leaders, he could not move or work.

"I appeal to all to believe in their Leader or General. No General ever discloses all the war plans or manoeuvres but expects and orders the soldiers to keep ready for the march.

Follow Gandhiji's Generalship, like obedient and faithful soldiers, so that he may carry us forward from victory to victory.

Follow Gandhiji's constructive programme in the proper spirit.

You know that only one Shri Krishna, one Gautam Buddha, one Jesus Christ, revolutionised the world.

So Gandhiji is trying to do so by Truth and Non-Violence, which are unique in this age of western warfare and violence.

I will be satisfied if a few of you carry on the work in the proper spirit as it is not the number but the quality that matters. Enthusiasm, zeal and burning patriotism, which I hope, you have, for carrying on your mission, will stand you in good stead."

"Bengal Congressmen Getting Impatient"

Subhas On Refusal Of Sanction To Launch C. D.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

The resolution on war passed by the Students' Federation Convention last night declares that "the present war between rival imperialist powers is directed towards a new partition of the world and is therefore against the interests of the people."

After pointing out that the Viceroy's recent declaration in India and subsequent official statements in England and India in reply to the Congress demand for clarification of Britain's war aims in relation to India do not meet Indian demand, the resolution states that the Indian people cannot understand how freedom can be denied to them if the war in Europe is really being fought to secure justice and freedom to oppressed nation.

During discussion on the resolution Mr. Subhas Bose on a point of information told the gathering that the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee had twice sought permission from the Congress Working Committee to launch Satyagraha movement in Bengal but so far such permission had not been given. He added that Congressmen in that province were getting impatient and were not prepared to wait much longer.

"Worst Fire In Living Memory"

MADRAS, Jan. 3.

The fire accident at the All-India Khadi and Swadeshi Exhibition on the Congress House grounds, which is the worst within living memory after the great Park Fair tragedy in the eighties of the last century, has resulted in the loss of several lakhs of rupees both to the Tamilnad Congress Committee and exhibition stall-holders, including the Tamilnad and Andhra khadi museums. The loss of khadi is estimated to be at least Rs. 1,00,000.

The whole area now presents a desolate scene, strewn with burnt khadi, molten brass, silver and other wares, and charred remains of the wooden plans, rafters, etc. Only the National Flag hoisted on concrete flies aloft unscathed, as if witnessing the ruins beneath.

Elaborate police "bundobust" has been made in the vicinity in order to prevent any looting of valuables in the debris and also not to allow the public to approach the damaged building.

Mr. S. Satyamurthi, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, in a statement, expresses his grief over the tragedy and says that the exhibition was a magnificent success this year and had perhaps drawn the evil eye.

"We can only bow to the inevitable," he adds and invites his fellow-sufferers to bear their loss with fortitude.—United Press.

Congress House Presents Ghastly Spectacle

MADRAS, Jan. 3.

Although fire in the Congress Swadeshi Exhibition was brought under control before 8 p.m. the Police kept vigil all night and none was allowed to enter the exhibition grounds. Fire fighters continued their work vigorously.

The Congress House building presents a ghastly spectacle. The wooden structure including windows being completely destroyed and the ceiling having collapsed. A big crevice has been formed in the dome and the walls are full of cracks and may collapse at any time.

The only portion unaffected is the front part with its two wings and the wooden staircase on either side.—A. P.

Tri-Colour Remains Unscathed

(From Our Correspondent)

MADRAS, January 3

A noteworthy feature of the Congress House fire is that the National Flag flying aloft remains unscathed amidst a huge mass of ruins.

The building and stalls have been insured.

UTILISE WAR OPPORTUNITY

TOKYO, (By Air Mail).

A large number of Indians residing in Kobe and Osaka attended a meeting which was held at the India Club of Kobe under the auspices of the Indian National Committee of Japan, Mr. A. M. Sahey presiding. The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting: "In view of the fact that this is the most opportune moment to reach our national goal, this meeting of the Indian residents of Kobe and Osaka places on record its approval of the stand taken by the Indian National Congress in demanding the complete independence of India and urges it to start the final struggle at an early date to achieve freedom in case the national demand is not conceded through amicable means."—United Press.

ADOLF AND EVA

Hitler Secretly Engaged?

Frau Braun, Daughter Of Munich Professor, Declared To Be His Fiancee!

AMERICAN JOURNAL GIVES CURRENCY TO SENSATIONAL REPORT

Hitler is engaged—and may even be secretly married—to a German girl whom he has installed in a part of his private suite in his official Berlin residence, the Chancellery on the famous Wilhelmstrasse.

These statements are made in an authoritative article in the "Saturday Evening Post", one of the most conservative magazines in America. An introduction to the article states that it is based on "information from sources inside Germany which we have always found to be reliable."

The girl is named. She is Eva (or Evi) Helen Braun, a 28-years-old fair-haired girl from Munich in Bavaria.

The romance is known, it is added, to several of the highest Nazi officials, some of whom believe Hitler and his Fraulein are already married.

The girl is said to be a typical German "hausfrau" and conducts herself in the Chancellery just as if she had been acknowledged publicly as the wife of Germany's Dictator.

Ten Year-Old Romance

The romance started ten years ago when the girl, who is the daughter of a Munich professor, Dr. Joseph Braun, met Hitler through one of his most ardent supporters, a photographer named Heinrich Hoffmann.

Fraulein Braun became Hoffmann's assistant and soon was a member of the inner circle of Hitler's worshippers.

During the early days of her friendship with Hitler the strictest rules of German etiquette were observed. She was always chaperoned by Frau Himmler or the wife of some other Nazi leader.

Hitler enjoyed having her in his entourage. She remained always near him, ready to divert him with talk and discussion on anything and everything—except politics.

When the Nazis finally achieved undisputed power over Germany, one of Hitler's first actions was to take a house for Fraulein Braun in a fashionable district of Munich.

As time passed it became accepted among the inner Nazi circle that Fraulein Braun was betrothed to Hitler.

When they were together in Hitler's mountain retreat among their intimate friends at Berchtesgaden he would hold her hand openly. After a while she began to refer to him as her fiance.

Hitler gave her many valuable gifts of jewellery which, without ostentation, she wears occasionally.

He also built for her a small house on land adjoining his own great estate at Berchtesgaden.

When Hitler entered Vienna in March 1938, in the procession Eva was sitting in a car containing the wives of the other Nazi leaders.

Attempt At Suicide

Last year Professor Braun and his wife began to get restless about the association, since Hitler apparently seemed content to let the engagement run on indefinitely.

Later they told their daughter that her good name was being compromised. They urged her to ask Hitler to fix a date for the wedding.

After the Munich Agreement, in September of last year, Hitler began to meet many types of polished and sophisticated German society women, and Eva faded into the background.

One night she attempted to commit suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets. It was only a half-hearted attempt, but it served its purpose.

Hitler visited her several times during her convalescence, states the article, and was warmly affectionate.

It was during the fateful days at Salzburg last August, when Hitler met Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, that he is believed to have come to a decision to regularise Fraulein Braun's position.

Did he agree to a secret wedding? If there was a wedding, it remains a secret. But, whatever his decision, he acted on it quickly.

As soon as he returned from Salzburg he ordered that part of his personal suite at the Chancellery should be prepared for Eva's exclusive use.

She moved in at once, and is still there.

BAN ON GOODS FROM NAZI SHIPS IN NEUTRAL PORTS

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3.

The Central Government has by a notification in a Gazette of India Extraordinary prohibited the bringing into British India by sea or by land across any customs frontier, except on the authority of a general or special permit granted in this behalf by the Central Government, of any goods which at any time after the 2nd September, 1939, formed part of the cargo of a German ship, which had taken refuge in a neutral port.—A. P.

MONEY-LENDERS' BILL IN BENGAL COUNCIL

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3.

The Bengal Legislative Council reassembled this afternoon after Christmas recess and resumed consideration of the Bengal Money-Lenders' Bill.

The House finished consideration of Clause 2 of the Bill dealing with the definition of loans.

The attendance was thin.—A. P.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

There is a vision of Peace haunting the Great Men of Europe. It is a mere illusion, says the soldier on the battlefield as the bullet pierces through his heart.

Since there is so much tolerance extended in England to the conscientious objector, why does not Britain begin to class India too as just another conscientious objector? Surely Britain must grant us the right to call our conscience our own.

There are two important events to happen in India this year—the Congress Session in March and the Viceroy's visit to the Race Course next week.

I saw an imitation Carole Lombard at the Police Club dance on New Year's Eve. Or was it the genuine article in disguise? C. I. D. please wake up.

There is a possibility of a change in the Stewards of the Turf Club. Some say younger Parsee blood is to be taken to stimulate the Species. Is it Hero or Leander?

"WHIMS OF INNER VOICE"

Nariman's Attack On "Congress Dictatorship"

NAGPUR, Jan. 2.

"Who has ever heard in any part of the world, in any mass democratic organisation, the same set of individuals functioning as Cabinet for about 15 or 20 years, without election dominated by one high, though constitutionally irresponsible, personality, and in turn, the Cabinet itself dominating the rest of the organisation? This rotten system has polluted and poisoned the best brains and demoralised and corrupted the whole body," said Mr. Nariman presiding over Abhyanker Anniversary meeting, at Nagpur on January 2.

Continuing he said:—

The Cabinet membership, Presidentship and all other offices are monopolised and confined to a small group. Same President is repeated two or three times to prevent an 'outsider' like Subash Babu.

For twenty years and more, this unfortunate vast ancient land, with its teeming and starving masses of millions, has been cruelly tossed as a 'toy-exhibit' for all sorts of ethical, mystical and spiritual experiments, to satisfy the whims and 'inner voice' of a 'mysterious being'. The 'charka', the new weapon for world's emancipation, is plying its monotonous wheel for twenty long years and the yarn spun only helps to strengthen the bonds of Slavery; still Pandit Jawaharlal, the rational radical revolutionary leader of the 'Young and New India' is enamoured of this 'magic wheel' and recommends it to the bewildered and gaping crowd, as the only hope and last chance of India's redemption.

The Indian National Congress, that is built on the ashes and bones and cemented by the blood of so many Indian martyrs cannot be allowed to be drifted downwards. In the sacred names of those dead heroes, it must be restored to its former prestige position of greatness, glory and power; that is the only way to pay homage to the great names and best way to perpetuate the memories of its dead heroes. May their noble examples guide us right.

All-India Women Students' Conference

NEW DELHI, January 3

An all-India Women Students' Conference will be held at Lucknow on January 20 and 21 under the presidency of Miss Renu Roy. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, it is understood, will inaugurate the conference.—United Press.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE

THE JUG OF DEATH

THE RACKETEERS REACH THE DRAYTON HOME
THE BOYS CAN HANDLE THEM BARRELS, SWAMP. NOW YOU AN' ME ARE GOIN' IN TO GRAB DRAYTON AN' THAT DAUGHTER O' HIS!
OKAY, TARPO. JUST H'AS SOON AS---
DOUSE THAT, YUH DUMMY! TRYIN' TO LET 'EM SPOT US?
BLIMEY, I GOTTA WARN 'EM SOME WAY--- I JUS' GOTTA!

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